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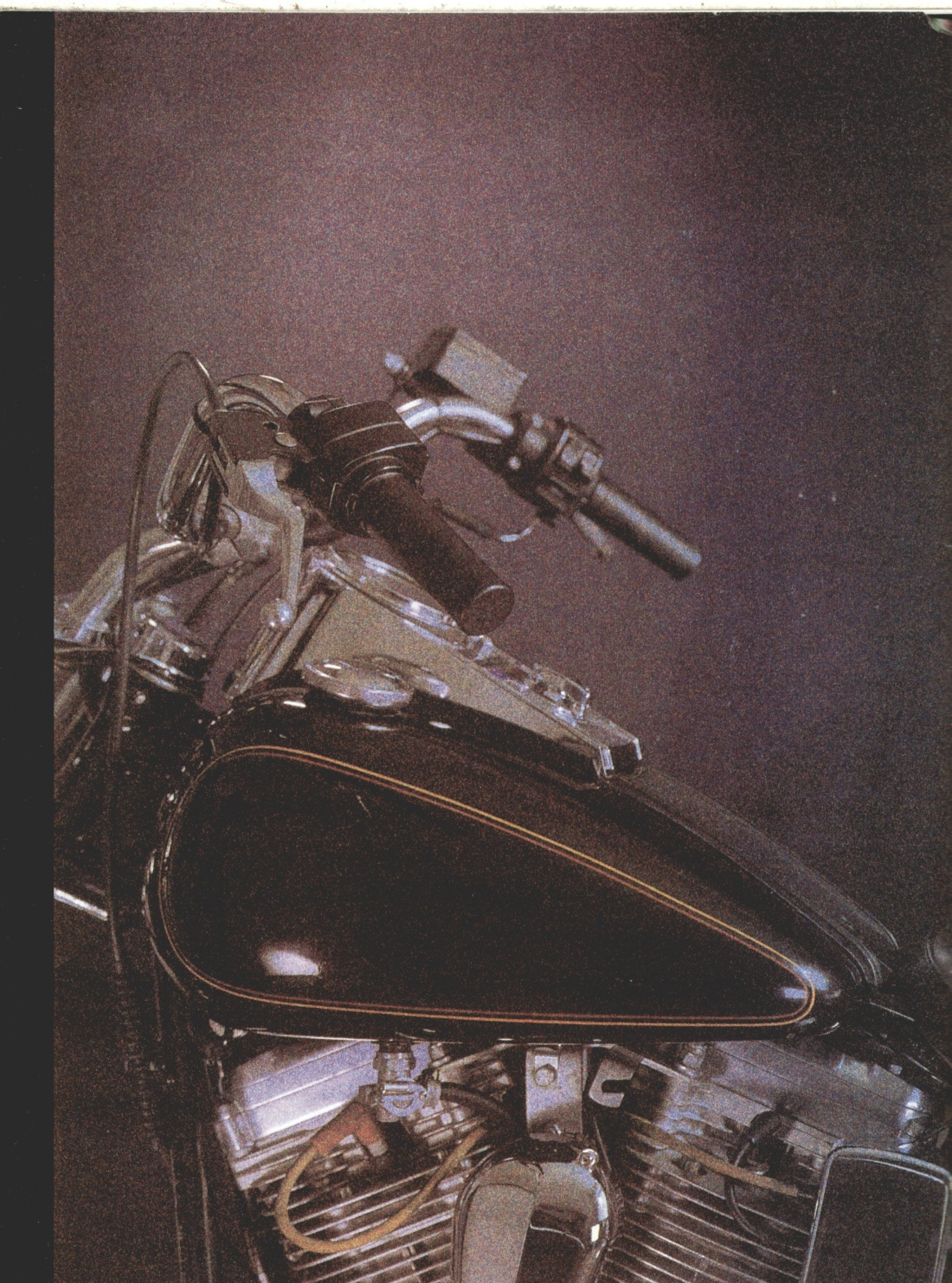


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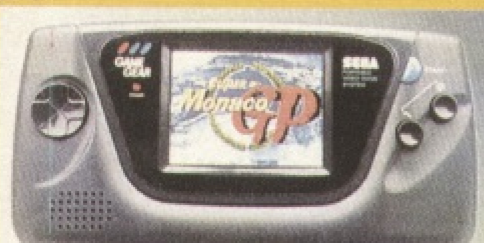
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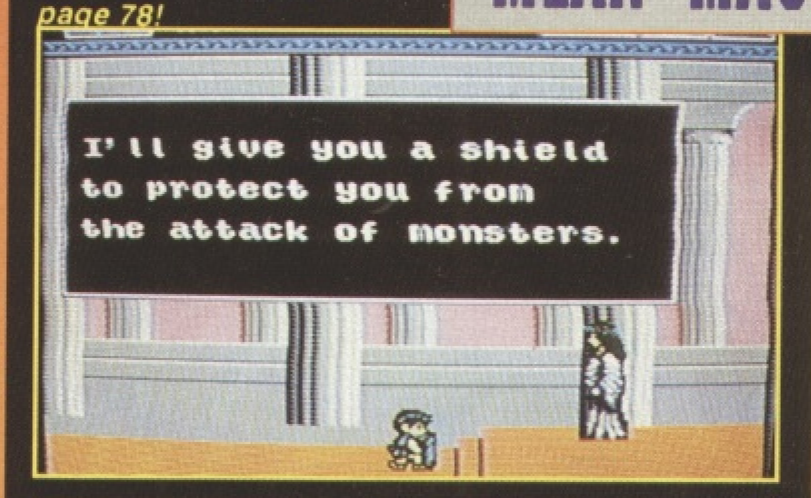
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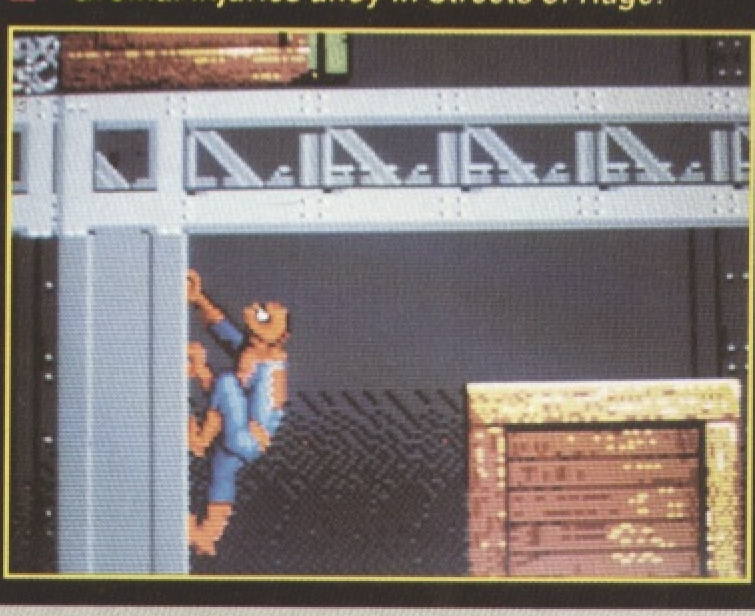
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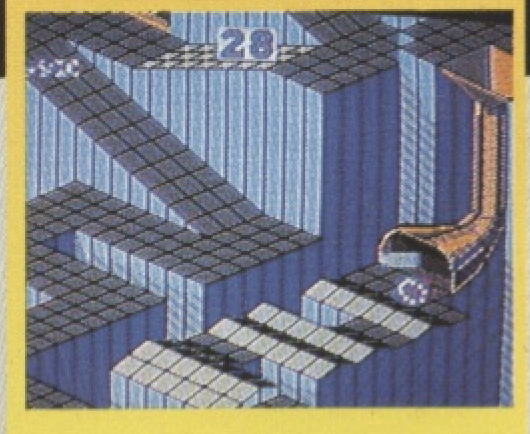
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HELLO TO: Dean McCartney of Stockport - cheers for your letter and designs - they're too big to fit in the mag. Also, a big "neeyah" to the mysterious Mike Murray, "wibble plop" to Radion Automatic and a big hi to Spong Davies in Aber.
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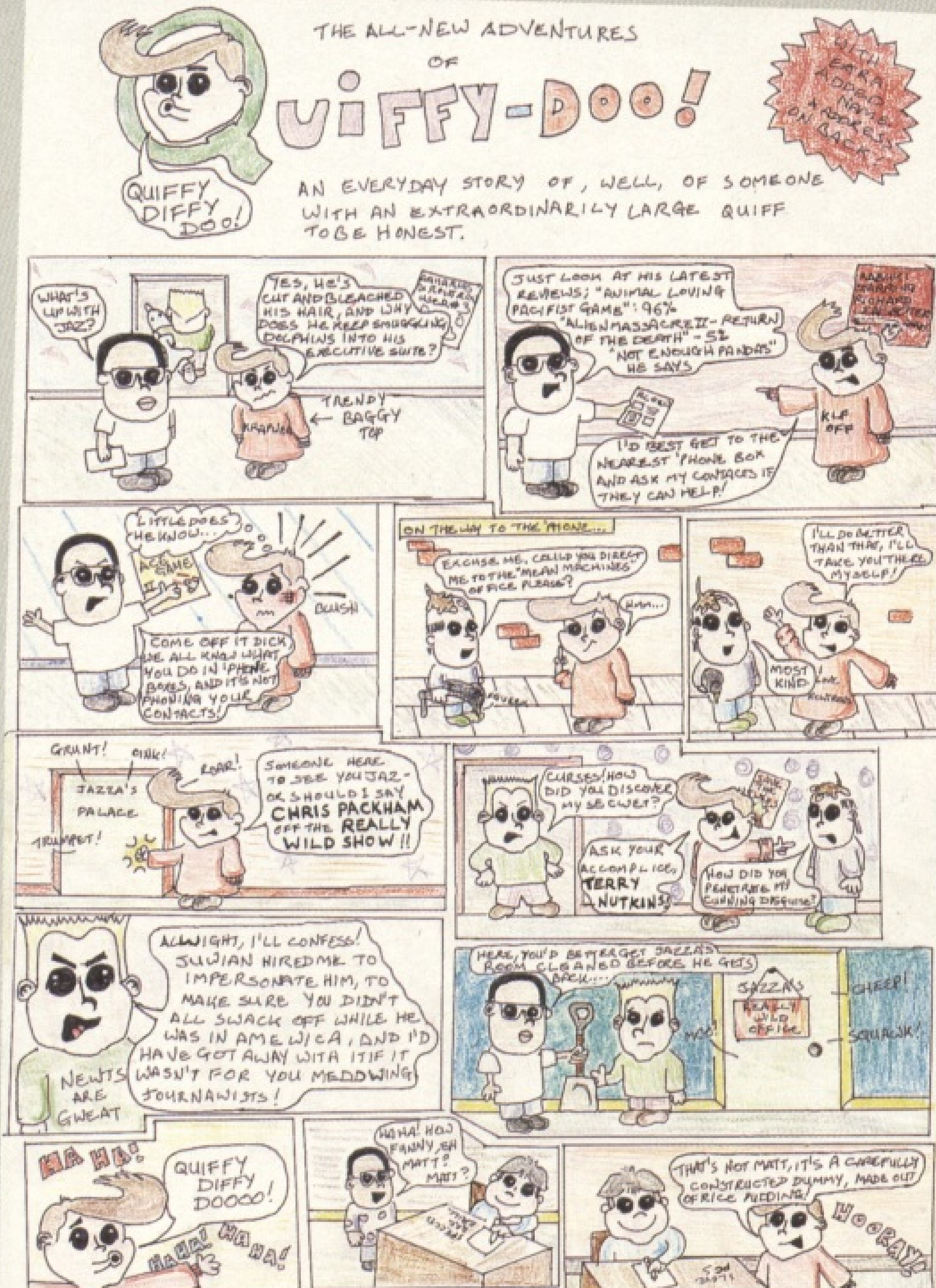
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COMPETITION RULES
The competition rules are amazingly simple. EMAP employees and their immediate family and friends aren't allowed to enter any of our super soaraway competitions, the ones that sound like the type that are usually found in carpentry mags. Think about that one, please. Oh all right, it was a pun - soaraway sounds like saw away, as in carpenter's saw, and they're all sawing wood away, or something like that, as carpenters are wont to do when they're not timing soft-boiled eggs with their wives. But everyone else can. By the way, it's now Open Season on Dwayne Minton of West Wormwood. Oh yeah, the editor's decision is final.

JAZZA'S FINAL BIT
Hecky mick! Here's a fab final bit compo. I want you to write next month's Final Bit for me. It can be about anything you like - from Grandpa's funny farting habit to the state of the British Economy. The only rules are that it must be printable (double-entedres and horribly rude puns welcome, but no gratuitous unprintable rude stuff) and the bit should be no longer than 75 words. Write to: I AM A RANCID DONUT WITH A HAIRY BOTTOM COMP, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. There's a stonking prize for the winner.

EDITORIAL



IT'S ANOTHER BRIGHTER, WHITER CARTOON

If you were wondering who did that fantastically hilarious full-page cartoon strip in last month's issue, wonder no more. The man responsible is Radion Automatic, a strange person who hails from Nantwich in Cheshire. And this month he's sent in another fab-o-rooni strip.





A LOVELY PAIR OF KNOCKS

Here's a warning to all you lovely readers - when you write in, make sure you print your name in capitals at the bottom of your letter. The guy who sent in the picture of the dented White Cavalier SRi could have earned fame and fortune. Instead the sad, illegible scribbly writing of Jim - or is that Tim - Porbmck (Ruibnnob, or Poikmob - we just can't read his writing) has resulted in him having to remain in the realms of obscurity.
Steven Lee of Nuneaton would



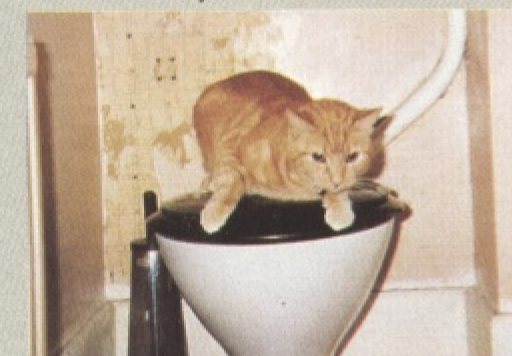




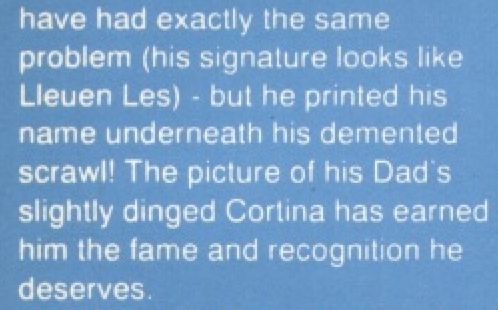
PET TALENT UNLIMITED



Pet antics ahoy! Mark Sanders has let his black and white cat out of the bag, and Greg Hounsom from Braintree, Essex has sent a picture of Candy, his short-sighted Labrador who has to wear specs when she reads MEAN MACHINES and plays on her Megadrive. What a sweetie!
Tom and Dick are the two white kittens trying to start their marvellous Slippermobile. Unfortunately, the wheels have dropped off and it doesn't look like they're going anywhere, no matter how hard they push. Cheers to Chris Newman from Aylburton, Glos for sending in that pic.
And finally, Mr Big One of no fixed abode has trained his cat so well, he dumps his load in the right place! The only thing the pussy has to learn now is how to put the seat up...





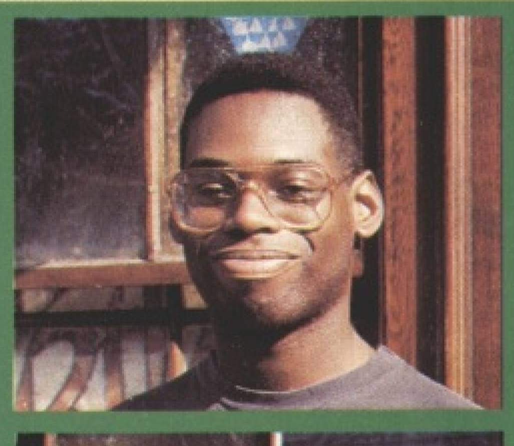


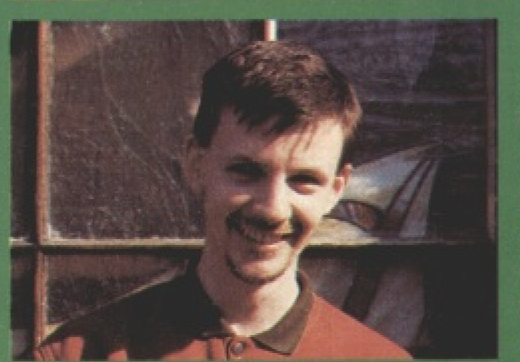
have had exactly the same problem (his signature looks like Lleuen Les) - but he printed his name underneath his demented scrawl! The picture of his Dad's slightly dinged Cortina has earned him the fame and recognition he deserves.
If you've got pictures of smashed up autos, send them in to: VROOM EEAAAWWWW EEEEEEEE BONK TINKLE TINKLE, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY COURT, 300-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. The only rule is that no hideous injuries or deaths were sustained in the accident. And don't forget to print your name on the back of the picture!



JULIAN "COSMO" RIGNALL
Per una strana sertie di casi, negli ultimi dieci anni me e capitato di vedere parecchie migliaia di videogiochi domestici e a gettone. Naturalement ho anche diversi altri interessi ma videogiocare mi piace parecchio, cosi ho passato una buona parte del mio tempo davanti ai monitor do questi giochi.
CURRENT FAVE GAMES: UN SQUADRON, GOEMAN WARRIOR, NEMESIS II

RICHARD "RIMBALZO" LEADBETTER
Das Thema ist in Prinzip eine hervorragaende Idee, aber die Themen sind teilweise wirklich unbrauchbar (un es milde auszudrucken). Was soll denn das Thema "Sex und Telefon"? Dies ist ein Thema, das a) eher ein Randgebeit bei Computerspielen ist und b) es doch personliche Ansichtssache ist, ob man sich damit abgit.
CURRENT FAVE GAMES: SPIDER-MAN, STAR CONTROL, UN SQUADRON, STARFLIGHT





OZ "RECTO-VERSO" BROWNE
Recto-Verso etait la rubrique la plus difficile du journal. Pour ecrire une page, Moulinex devait travailler des jours entiers, c'est tres. Cela dit, si vous etes nombreux a lui demander, il accepterait problament d'en faire une de temps en temps.
CURRENT FAVE GAMES: JAMES "BUSTER" DOUGLAS BOXING, THUNDERFORCE III, RAIDEN

GARY "MY PUSSY LOVES A GOOD RUB" HARROD
Las pruebas que hemos con las impresoras, en ninguna no ha dado ese tipo de problemas. De todas formas en esto de la informatica nunca se puede "tramps el e Harrod's best friend" decir nada definitivo. Me gustarfa me explicaran es un controlador domestico.
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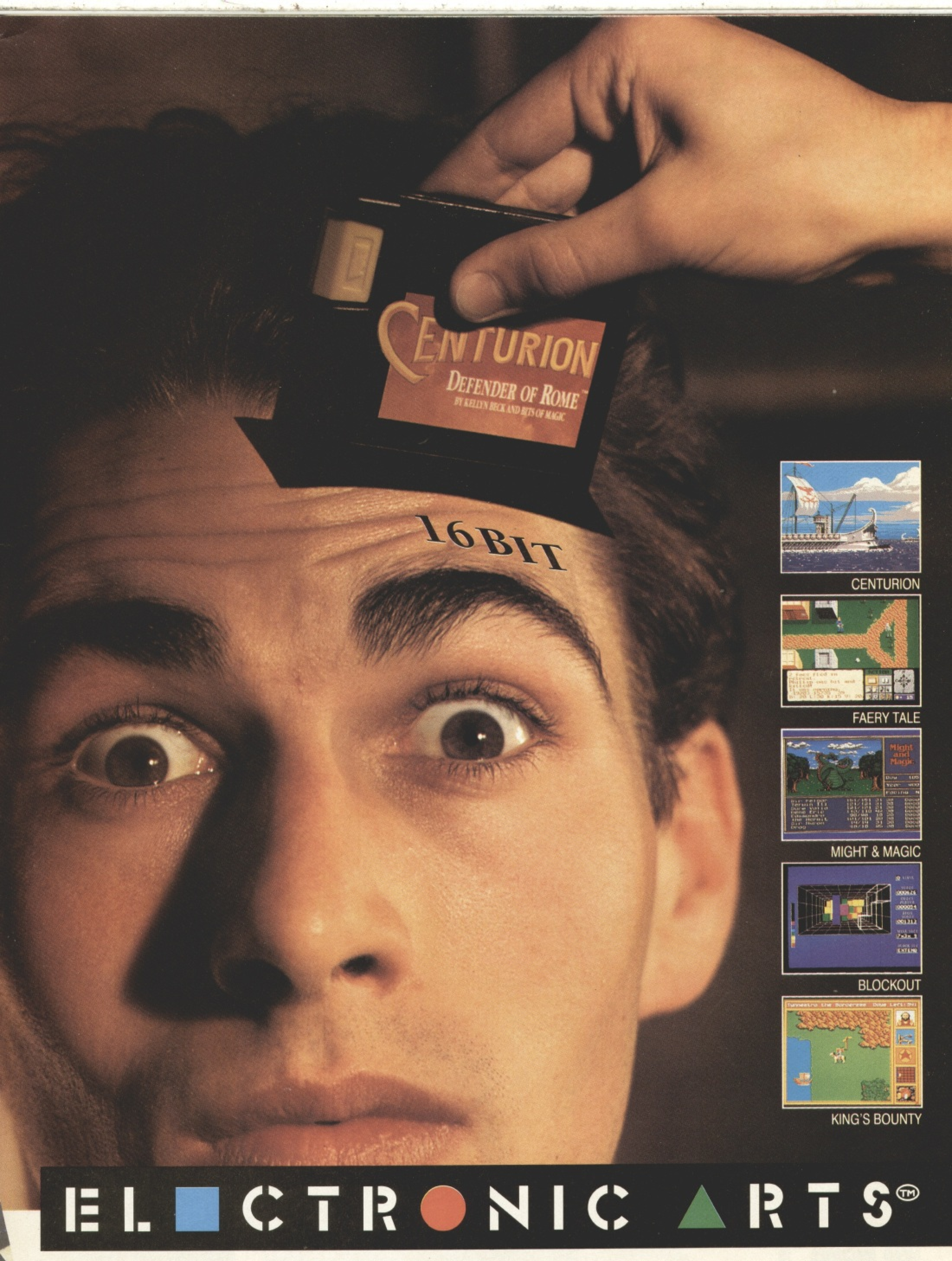
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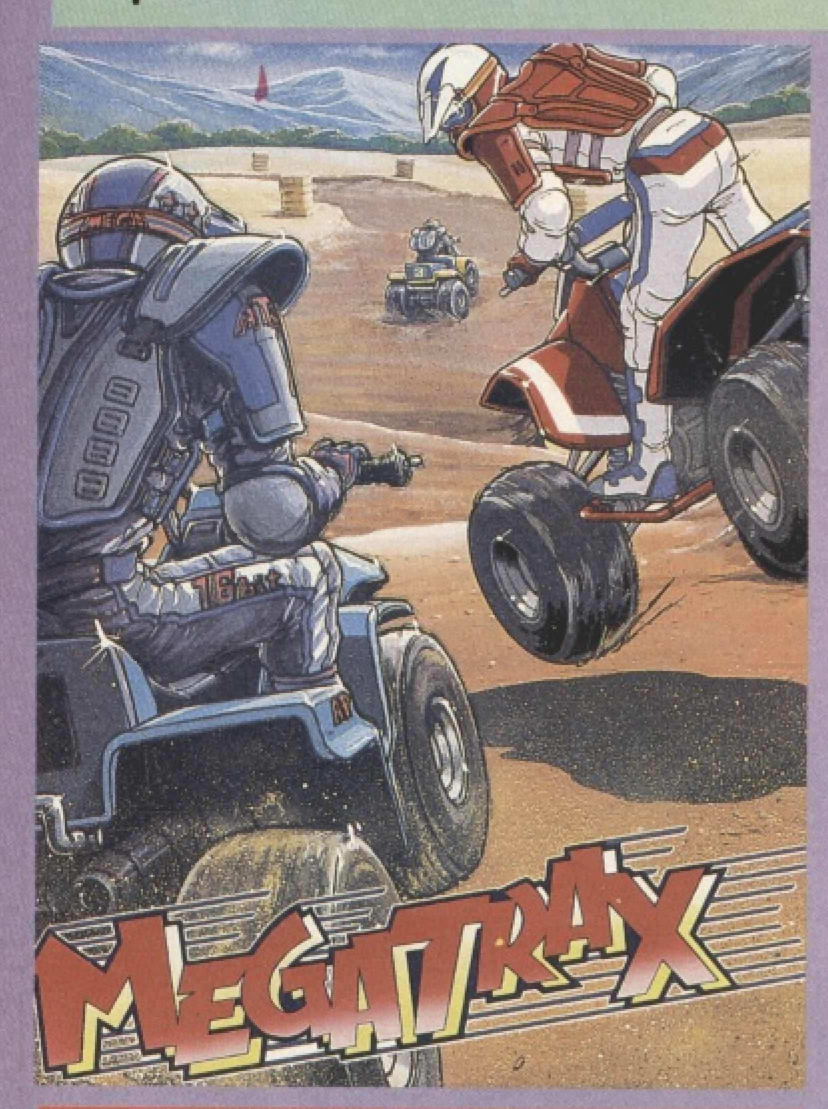

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After the fightin' 'n' fumpin' excellence of Streets of Rage, Street Smart brings you down to Earth with a bump. It's a very poor fighting game, with the player taking on a series of bad guys one after the other. The difficulty level is l-o-w and most players should be able to complete the game within a few hours. The graphics are pretty poor and the sound is worse - if you're after beat 'em up action, check out Streets of Rage and steer well clear of this.

Street Smart

STOP PRESS!

Six new Megadrive titles arrived into the office a few hours before we went to press, and we just managed to grab a few pictures to bring you this so-hot-off-the-laser-printer-it's-burning report.





This split-screen two-player conversion of the Namco 4-Trax quad bike racing coin-op had plenty of promise, but fails to live up it its potential. Again, playability is at a fault, with the quad bikes handling very unrealistically. Just to make things worse, the graphics and sound aren't that hot either. What a shame.



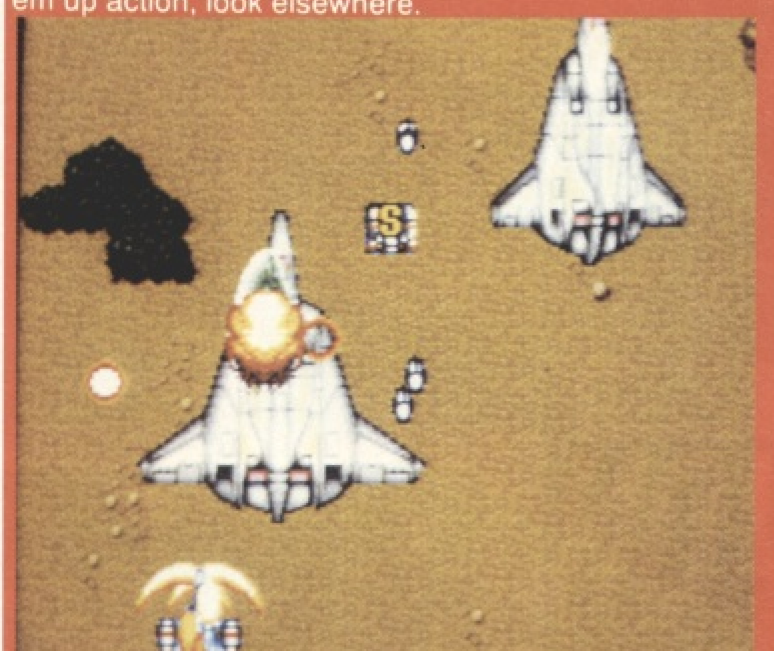
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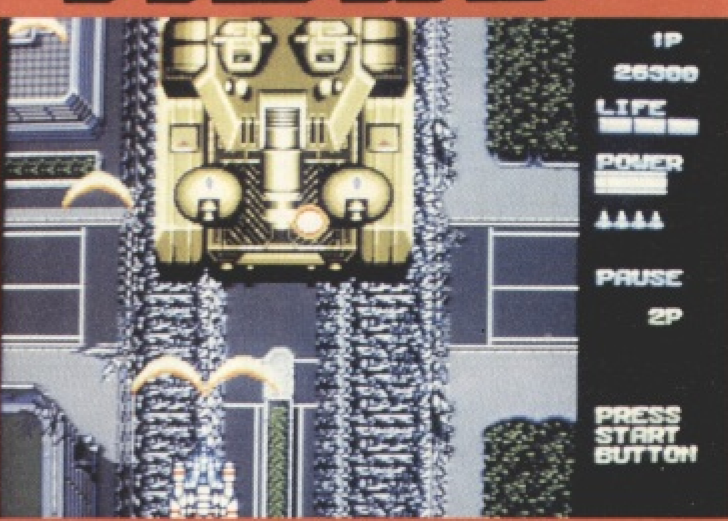
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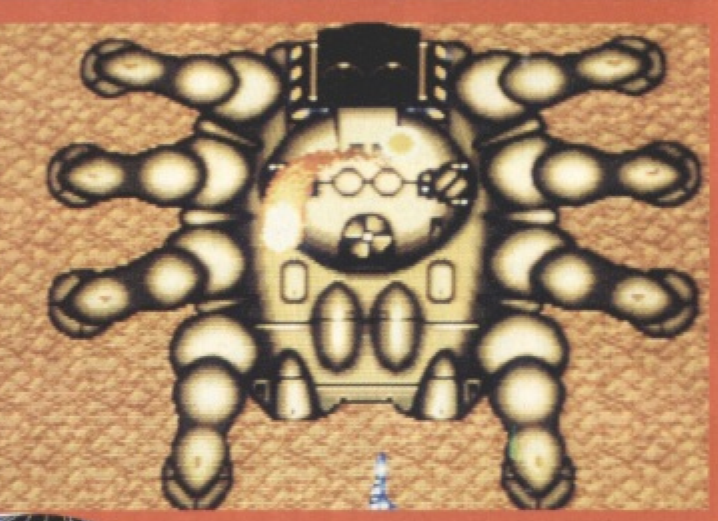


VAPOUR TRAIL

This up-the-screen blaster looks like a Master System product! The sprites are very bland and the backdrops are very poor quality, and when compared with other Megadrive vertical blasters, it looks dreadful. That could be forgiven if the game played well, but it doesn't even do that! It's all completely unoriginal, very predictable, and about as exciting as watching paint dry. If you want enjoyable and addictive shoot 'em up action, look elsewhere.







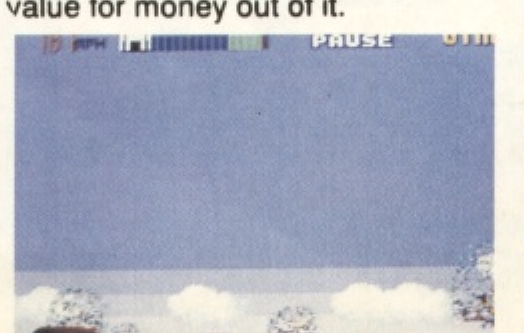


We didn't have much of a chance to play this, but it looks completely awful. Once again it's a split-screen racer, this time featuring formula one cars. The graphics are truly dire, and the car handling seems very vague. If you're a racing fan we recommend you give this a thorough playtesting before you buy it.



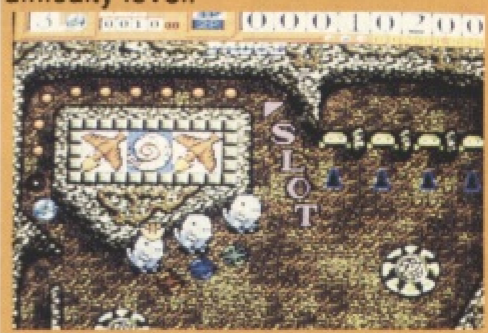


Sega's most famous racing game has finally hit the Megadrive. It looks a pretty good conversion, but Jaz finished it on his first go, and then proceeded to go through it twice again within minutes. The graphics are good and the sound is alright, but the lack of challenge means that only novice racers or Robin Reliant drivers will get any value for money out of it.





Dinoland is the first pinball game to appear on the Megadrive. The graphics are a bit fuzzy, but it's quite a jolly game, with different tables and sub-screens to battle through. First impressions are fairly favourable, but once again its long-term challenge is questionable due to the rather low difficulty level.

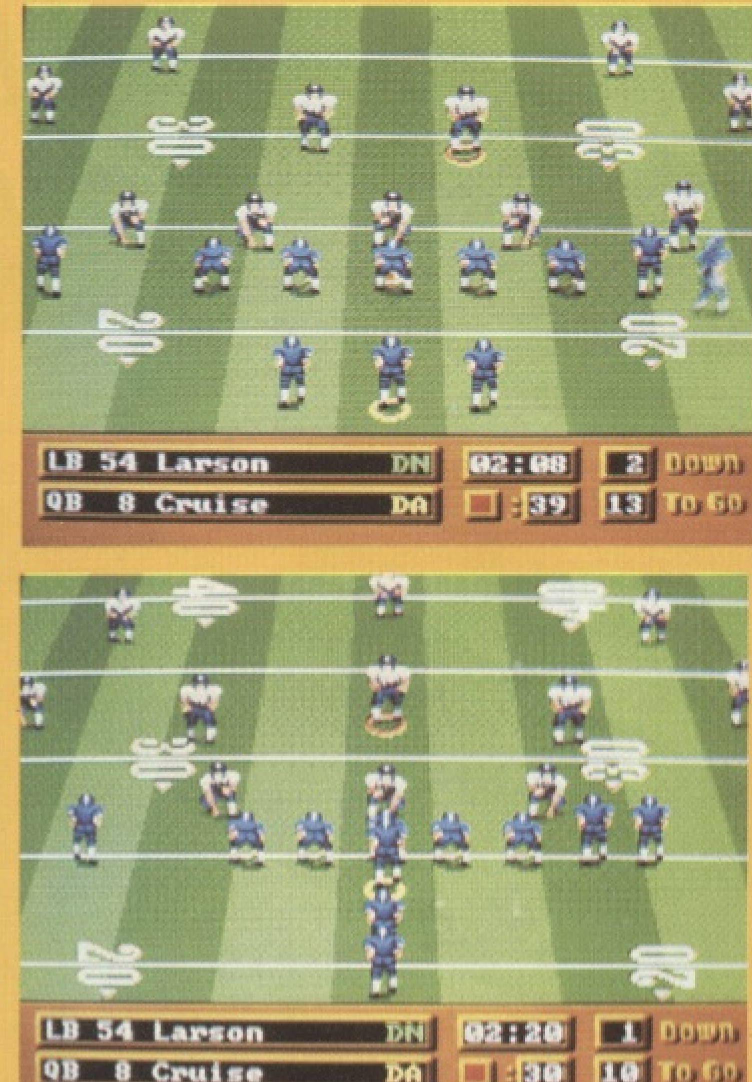




WHO'S MIKE DITKA?

Coming soon to the Megadrive from Ballistix is Mike Ditka's Power Football. It's an American football game (if you couldn't guess) and looks very much like a cross between John Madden's Football and Joe Montana's Football. It's packed full of features, menus and options, but our first impressions is that it doesn't match up to the might of John Madden's. If you want more details, we'll be giving the game a full review next issue!







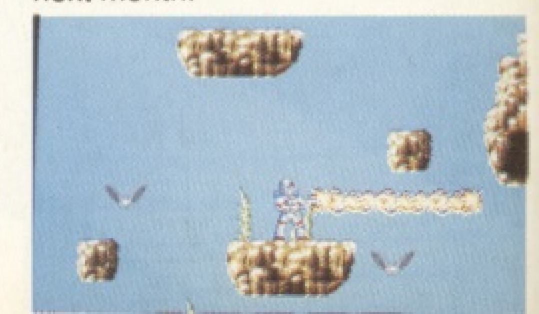


IT'S ALL ACTION STATIONS

If you've been into a Woolworths lately, you might have picked up a copy of ACTION STATION, a completely brill free console magazine! Why is it brill? Because it was designed and written by us lovely MEAN MACHINES folks, of course! So if you haven't grabbed a copy of this collector's item, you'd better get your skates on, because they won't be around for long!

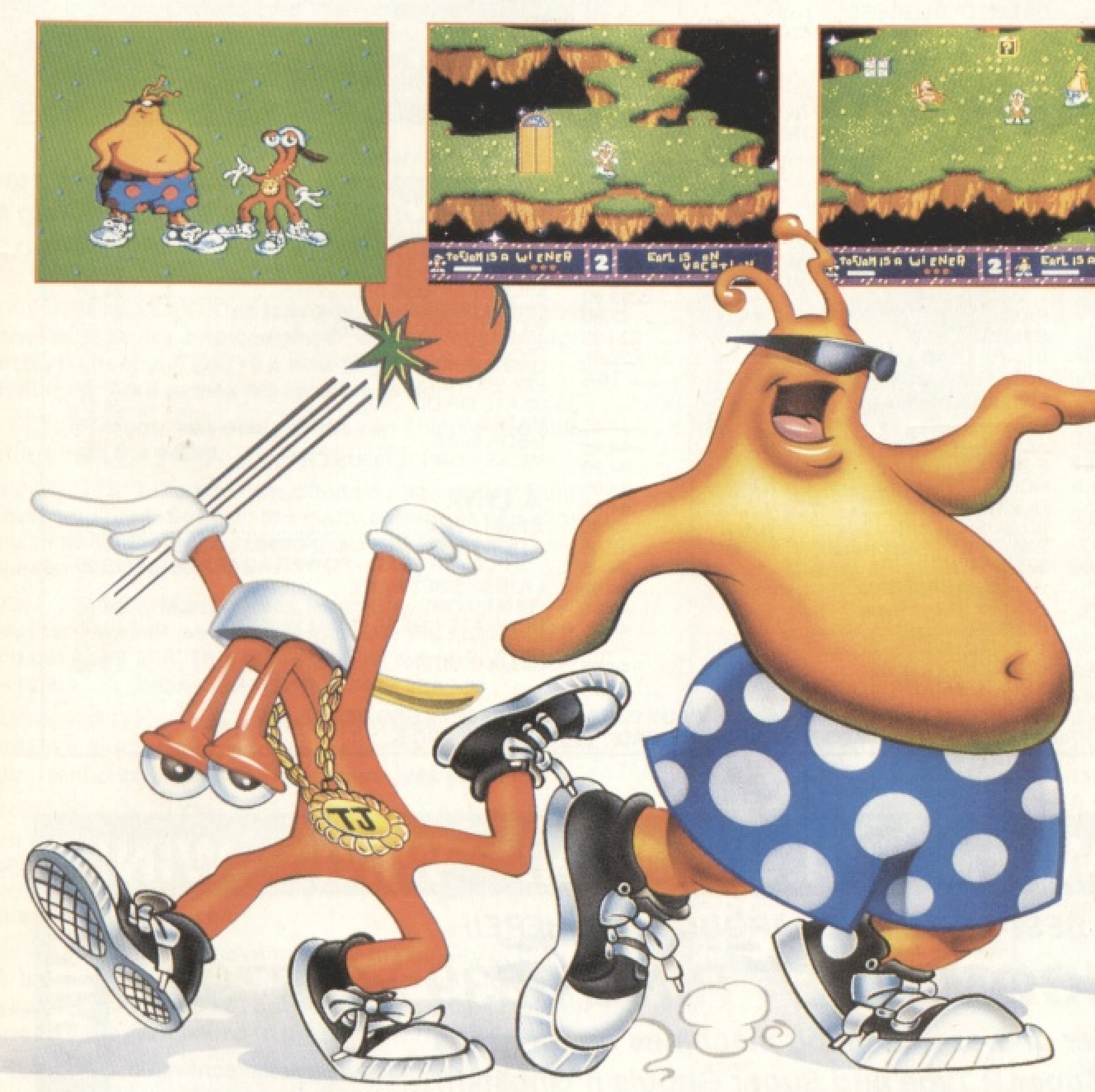
BEAT THAT BOT!

Turrican has finally arrived in the office, just a tad too late to be included in this issue. We've had a quick look at the game and it looks virtually identical to its Amiga parent, with no graphical enhancements whatsoever. How it plays is another thing, and is a subject which we'll be going into in-depth when we review the game next month.



ToeJam & Earl

two hip aliens in a serious jam



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BUT YO, CLOCK THE TIME! TOE JAM AND EARL MUST GET TO SUPREME FUNK LORD STATUS BEFORE MAKIN' TRACKS. SAY WHAT, OH YEAH - AND ON THE WAY DIS THE FREAKY LOCALS LIKE THE MAD DENTIST, THE CRAZED SHOPPER AND WORST OF ALL THE NERD HERD. TJ AND EARL WILL BE LIVIN' LARGE IF THEY CAN FIND AND PICK UP PRESENTS LIKE ROCKET SKATES AND SLINGSHOTS ON ROUTE.

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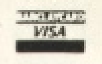
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GAME DIFFICULTY: This tells you how easy or tough the game is. If you're a novice player, easy games should keep you happy. If you're a veteran joystick-jockey, medium or hard games are recommended.

LIVES: Tells you how many times can you die and still return from the grave.

CONTINUES: Tells you how often you can restart from where you died. Beware: too many continues can allow you to finish the game too quickly, and seriously damage your enjoyment.

SKILL LEVELS: Many games let you fix the difficulty level for yourself, so you can increase the challenge if you get good at it. This tells you how many skill levels there are.

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GRAPHICS: This includes not only the quality of the sprites and their animation, but the backgrounds as well. Graphics are judged not only on their prettiness, but on how well they are suited to the game.

SOUND: The difference between a booming, catchy intro tune and a few weak bleeps that sound like a dying Spectrum is indicated here. Music and effects can make a big difference to a game, so don't ignore this factor.

PLAYABILITY: Some games you just can't stop playing, no matter how late at night it is. This measures the addictiveness of the game, and how much you'll think about it - even when you're not playing it!

LASTABILITY: You don't want to spend your cash on something that will only last a week. Check this box out to judge if you are going to be playing it in a month, or be bored with it within a week.

OVERALL: This is it. This mark takes into account all the above ratings and acts as a guide to the game's overall quality. If a game scores over 90%, it's a Megagame and is well worth buying!

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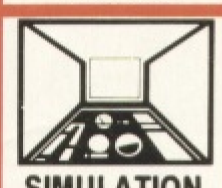

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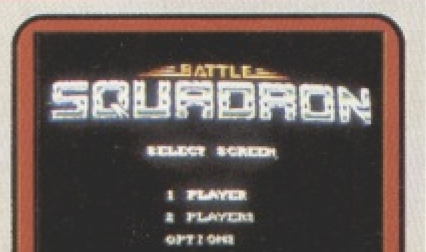

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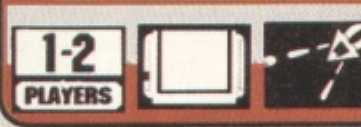

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ARCADE



BY:'TRONIC ARTS
PRICE: £39.99
RELEASE DATE: JAN
GAME DIFFICULTY: MED/HARD
LIVES: 3
CONTINUES: 1-5
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: GREAT



PRESENTATION 91%
The game is very well presented, with plenty of options. Nice presentation screens as well.

GRAPHICS 91%
A nice variety in all the backdrops and sprites.

SOUND 72%
Decent enough effects, but the tunes are slightly lacking.

PLAYABILITY 87%
Plenty of really decent shoot 'em up thrills on offer - shame about the extra weapons though.

LASTABILITY 81%
The two-player option keeps the thrill-level high, and in the single-player mode there's plenty of long-term challenge.

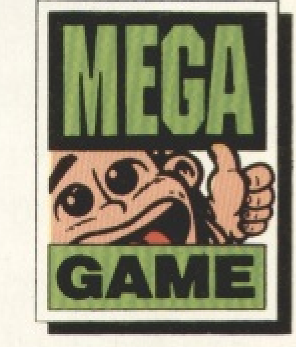
OVERALL 85%
A tough and addictive vertical scroller, which could have done with some better power-up weapons. Recommended to hardened blasting freaks.

MARKS

90+
A MEAN MACHINES MEGAGAME! A completely superb game which shouldn't be missed.
80-90
A very, very good game which just misses out on the Megagame award due to minor deficiencies. Definitely try it.
66-79
A pretty good game which should still appeal to fans of the genre.
45-64
An average game - might disappoint some fans.
30-44
Below average. Very few players will get much entertainment.
11-29
A very poor game indeed which will only be played a few times before being shelved.
14-
An utterly ghastly travesty which should be avoided at all costs.

AWARDS

MEGAGAME
When you see this on a review, it means that the game has gained the highest award MEAN MACHINES can bestow. And if the game is for your machine, you better start saving for it now!





CLASSIC
This is given to a golden oldie which MEAN MACHINES decides to review. Although the game has been out for a while, if you haven't got it in your collection, you're missing out.

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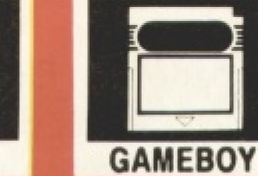
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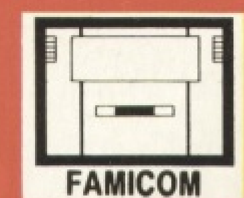

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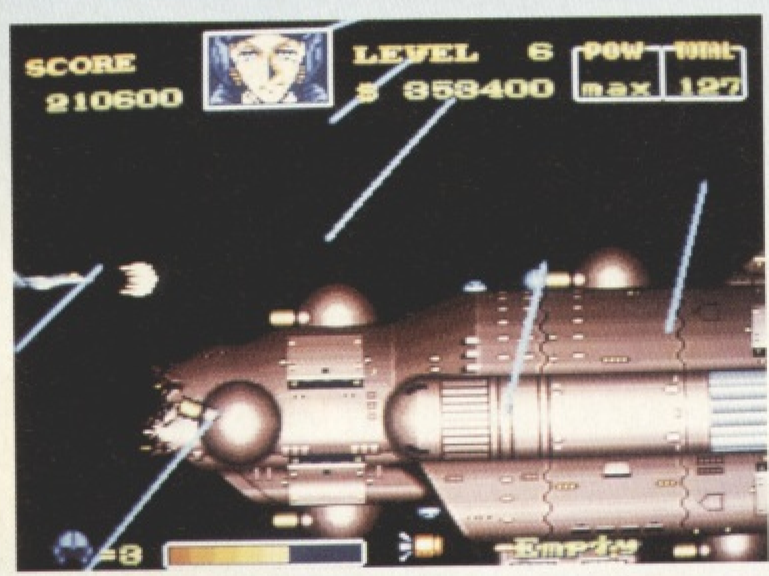
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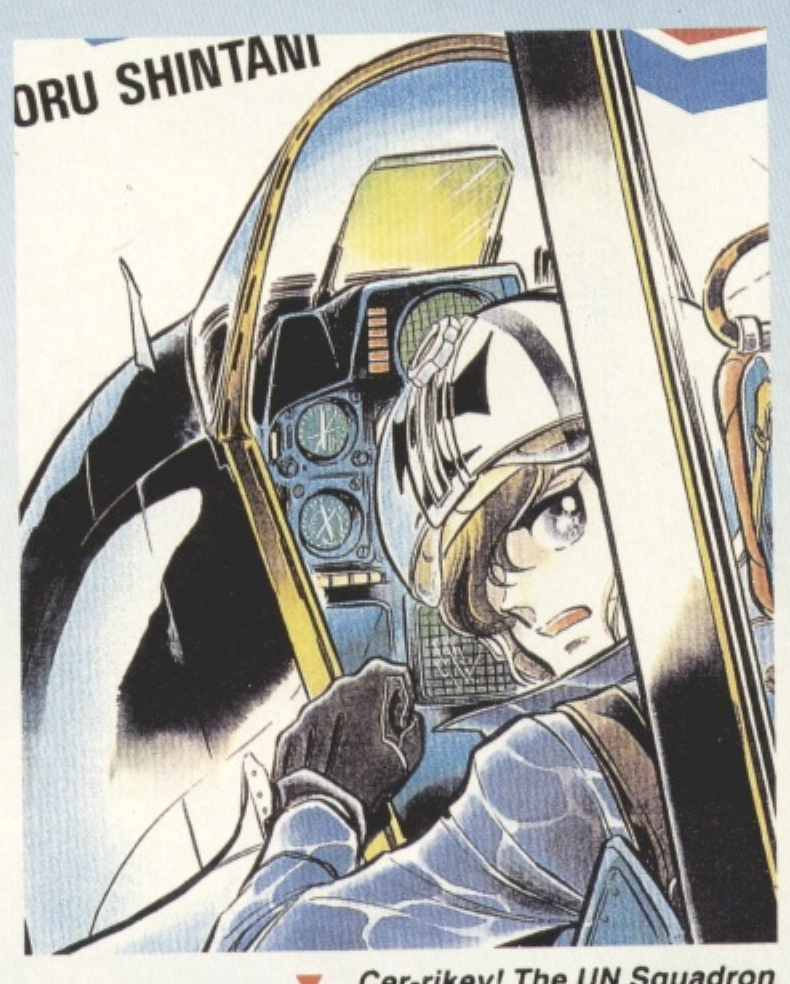
The enemy menace have massed one of the biggest armies ever, bristling with tanks and aeroplanes of just about every description! This massive force is the tool of a dictator intent on taking over the world, and by the time this game starts, he's almost done it!

As we speak, enemy forces are massing to take over the last remaining alliance base: Area 88. Only three pilots remain with which to take out the enemy, namely Shin Kazama, Greg Gates and Mickey Simon. It's their job to take to the scrolling skies as the UN Squadron - the last remaining force upholding truth and justice (with a little help from some rather massive artillery and a choice of death-dealing ships!).

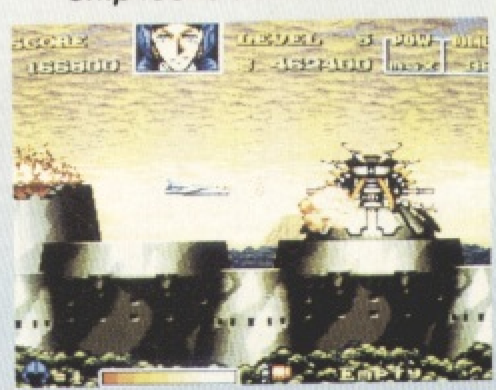
But as time passes the enemy move ever nearer, so part of the UN Squadron's job involves protecting the last base from enemy attack. Strategy was never the good guys' forte, because the base is vulnerable from air, sea and land-based attack! So keep an eye out for enemy subs, lorries and stealth bombers!







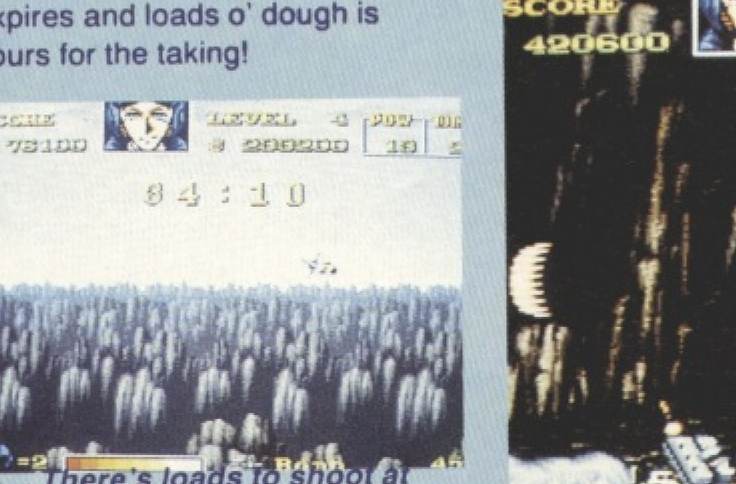
▼ *Cer-rikey! The UN Squadron ship looks doomed!*



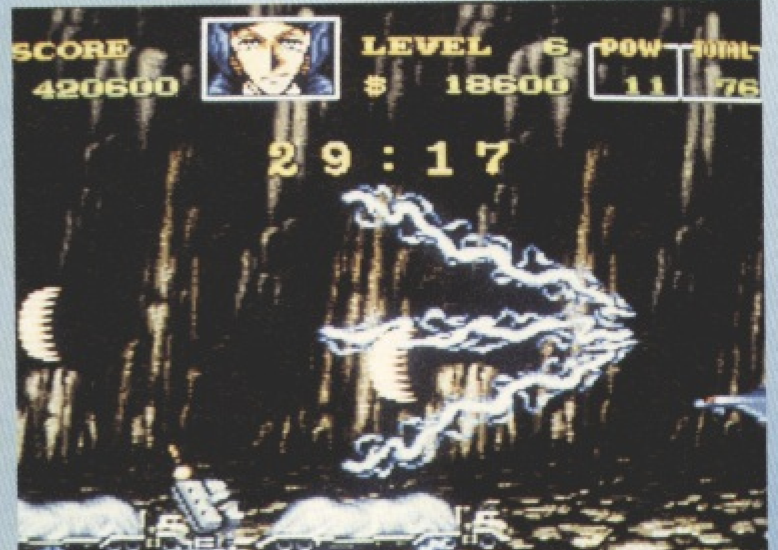
DIVE BOMBING FOR FUN AND PROFIT

Boasting some of the most spectacular scrolling ever seen in a console game, the dive-bombing section is a small bonus sub-level that enables out heroes to gain a little extra cash. At the bottom of a dangerous canyon lies a mobile enemy base. Blast this into oblivion before the time limit expires and loads o' dough is yours for the taking!



▲ *There's loads to shoot at the bottom of the canyon.*

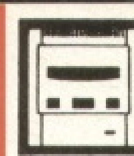




SAKI'S STRATEGY SECTION

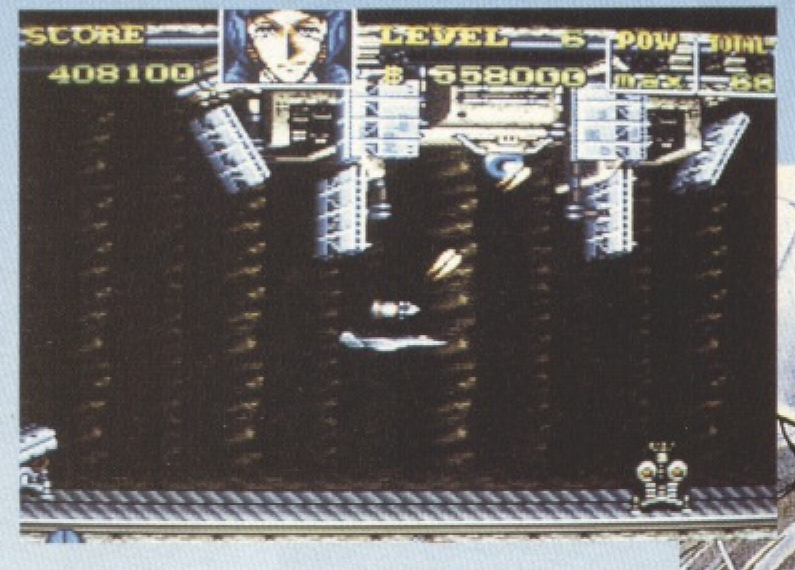
Missions can be selected at will, provided they're within the boundaries of the illuminated part of the map. The illuminated area only gets larger once all of the enemy forces in the area have been annihilated. At the far right of the map lies the enemy base. Blast this into oblivion and you're a hero!

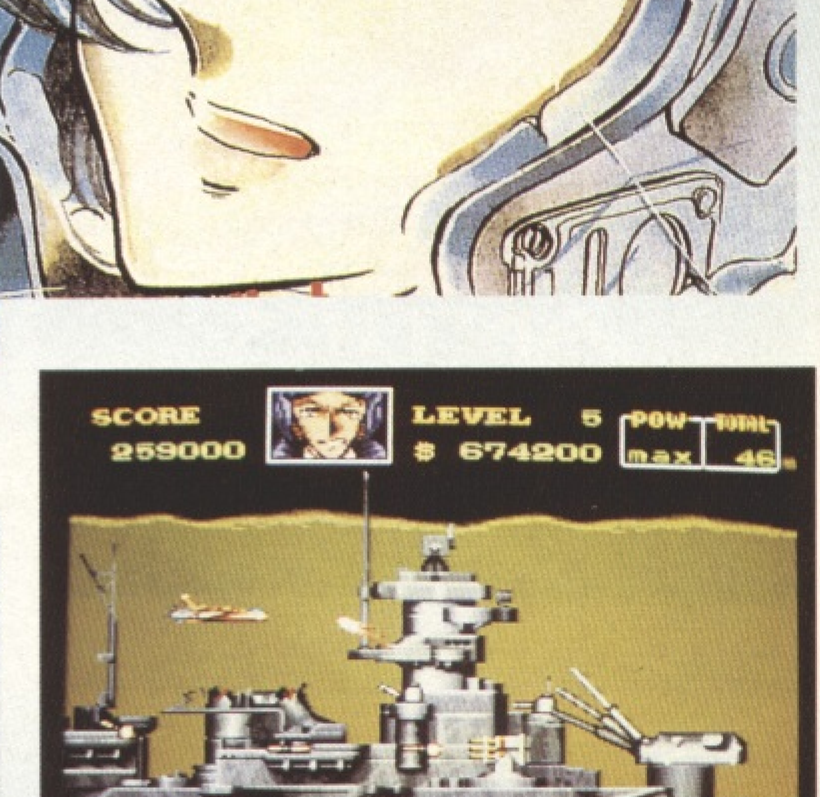


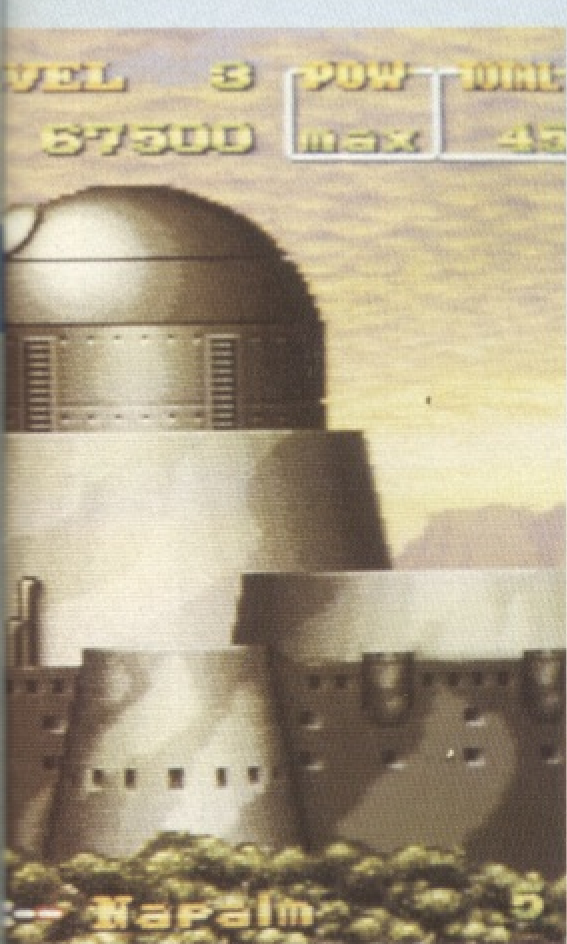




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This massive base causes many problems, all of them being fired at high speed!



▲ *This sub jumps out of the sea in an effort to cream the UN Squadron ship!*





DOCTOR McCOY'S SQUADRON SHOP



The defense spending cuts really cause our heroes some aggro in this game. The only way to get some cash to purchase hi-tech weapons is to blast all enemy artillery painted red. This releases a red icon that endows the player with some more cash. The shop is visited at the beginning of every mission. The range of weaponry is to vast to list here but includes the likes of massive three-way lasers, Gatling guns, and energy bombardments!

COMMENT

RICH

The excitement level generated by Super R-Type was enough to have most people running for a change of underwear, but UN Squadron (or Area 88 as those funky Japs calls it) is better still. It's got better graphics (and very artistic they are too), it hardly slows down at all, it's bigger, and it's very tough to master! The game's difficulty level is pitched at just the right level. Things start off pretty simple but by the time you reach level four, the sheer amount of enemy hardware out to blast you really makes things difficult. UN Squadron simply oozes polish, from the excellent intro to the massive explosion of the last end-of-level boss. If it comes to a toss-up between this and R-Type, UN Squadron comes out tops every time. But if you're a really flush (or indeed, flash) geezer, get 'em both for the best console blasts available in the omniverse!

▲ *This stealth bomber has many deadly weapons up its capacious sleeves.*

AREA 88: THE HEROES

There are three heroes selectable at the beginning of the game. Shin Kazama is the token female of the squadron. Though her power-up abilities are limited, she's the fastest flyer. Greg Gates prefera a more powerful ship at the expense of speed. Mickey Simon is the last member of the squad. Both his power-up capabilities and speed are average.

プレイヤーを選択して下さい
SHIN KAZAMA
戦闘機のレベルUPの早さは俺がNo.1だ!
MICKEY SIMON
特殊武器の追加装備は、俺が一番多いぜ!
GREG GATES
体力回復で、俺の右に出る奴はいねえ!

AEROPLANE ANTICS

Using some of the cash gleaned from each level, it's possible to completely new aeroplanes! Each new 'plane is more maneouvrable than its predecessor and can carry more special weapons at once. Also worth noting is that each ship can use more power-ups, thus increasing your destructive potential!





▲ *On the night sky level, massive enemy carriers arrive to offload some nasty missiles in your general direction. Keep those eyes peeled!*

F8E CRUSADER
POWER LEVEL: 5



The bog standard ship. Not that nippy and it's crippled by a low power-up capability.

F20 TIGER SHARK
POWER LEVEL: 5



The F20 has the same power-up level as the Crusader, but has greater speed and uses different special weapons.

F14D TOMCAT
POWER LEVEL: 5



More special weapons can be crammed onto F14D than any of the other POWER 5 ships. It's also a bit faster too.

A10A THUNDERBOLT
POWER LEVEL: 3+3



Capable of higher speeds and carrying an even more lethal range of weapons than the POWER 5 ships, the A10A is very powerful indeed and carries downward-firing missiles on board as standard.

YF23 STEALTH RAY
POWER LEVEL: 6

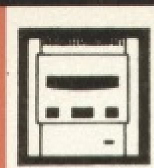


Another POWER 6 ship, the Stealth Ray has slightly inferior firepower than the A10A Thunderbolt, but its stealth abilities enable it to completely fox any kind of homing missile!

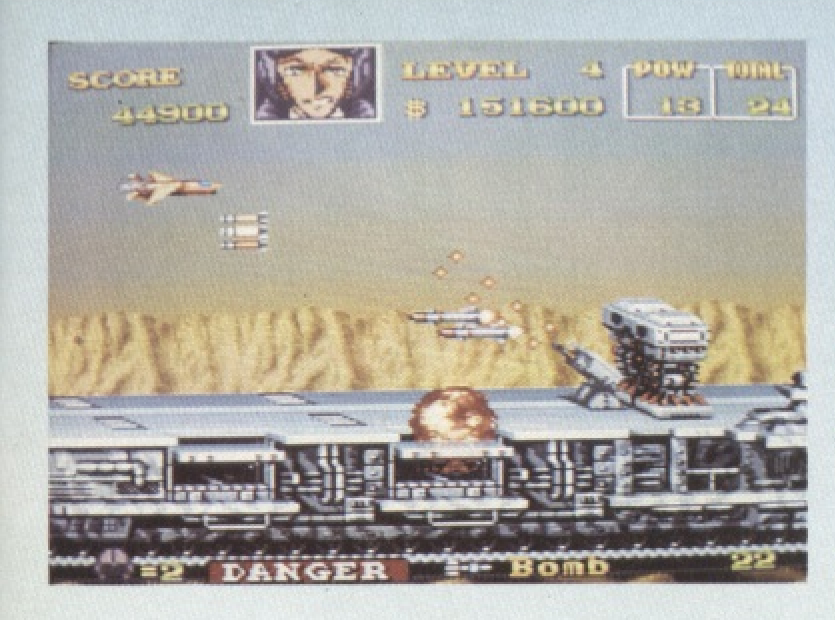
F-200 EFREET
POWER LEVEL: 7



Another ship with stealth abilities, the F-200 is capable of carrying every single special weapon available to the UN Squadron! It's the nippiest ship there is, and is the only POWER 7 ship in the whole game!



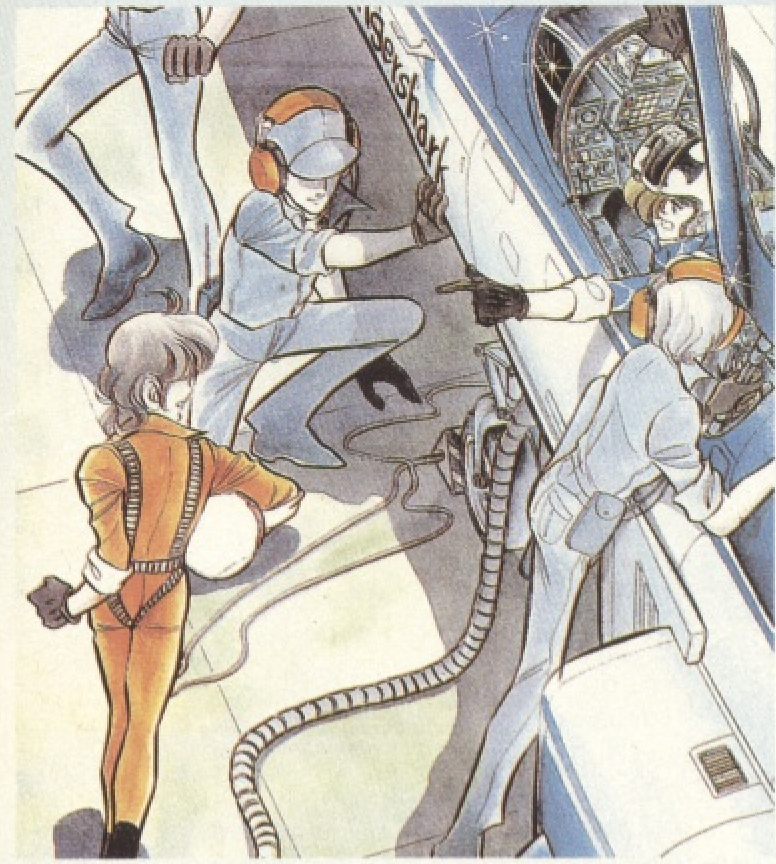






The MegaCrush weapon is used to terrifiying effect.





UN SQUADRON: THE COIN-OP

The basic gameplay of this Capcom arcade conversion is much the same as the coin-op. However, the strategy screen was not evident in the arcade machine and each character only had one ship to fly during the game. Some of the level geography has also been altered in this Famicom game. Arcadesters will know that the follow-up to UN Squadron, Carrier Airwing, is also out and about in the arcades. This features the same basic gameplay but had far superior graphics.



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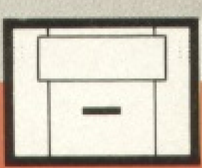
JULIAN

I thought that Super R-Type was good - but this is even better! Featuring knockout graphics, stunning sound, superlative gameplay and a tough, tough challenge, UN Squadron (or Area 88 as it's known in Japan) is one of the best blasters available on any system. It's not a true arcade conversion; instead it incorporates levels from the coin-op and adds a whole load of new features, making this a much bigger and more varied game. The graphics really are stupendous, with beautifully drawn backdrops and perfectly detailed sprites - check out the screenshots and see what I mean. What you can't see, though, is how it plays. But take it from me, this is a fast and hard game. The action is frantic, and much dodging and weaving is required to battle through the levels. The difficulty level is nicely balanced, and the action completely addictive, keeping you playing and playing until your trigger finger aches. I've already said that Super R-Type is a must for your Super Famicom. This is even more of a must!



BY: CAPCOM
PRICE: £45.00
RELEASE DATE: NOW
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 3
CONTINUES: 3
SKILL LEVELS: 3
RESPONSIVENESS: FAST







PRESENTATION 90%
Some Japanese text, but it's not important. Other than that, very well presented from beginning to end.

GRAPHICS 94%
Some of the most superb backdrops on any video game, and brilliant sprites to boot.

SOUND 90%
Mega explosive effects and decent tunes spruce up the atmosphere.

PLAYABILITY 94%
The shoot 'em up action is addictive from the word go.

LASTABILITY 91%
Even completing the game on easy level takes some doing!

OVERALL 94%
The best shoot 'em up on the Super Famicom. Even better than the coin-op original!

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MEAN YOB!

Lavatory pans! Here comes YOB again, letter opener in hand, ready to delve into his sack and come up with the very best mail sent in this month. If you have some fab pictures, funny photos, humorous stories, wild insults, spiffing jokes, attractive sisters or whatever, send them into: YOB'S MARROW DOWN THE TROUSERS MAILBAG, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU. Don't forget there's a prize for the best letter of the month.

GARETH A GWN MAWR

Dear YOB,
I've got your brand new laser-guided infra-red pump action rifle and if you do not send me Paperboy for the Master System, I will bust up your gun into one thousand pieces and bung it in a skip, okay?
Gareth Clark, South Wales
YOB: Go ahead. Make my day. It's insured, and I'll be able to put the cash towards a new Phased 40-watt Plasma rifle.

ON A ROLL

Dear YOB,
I haven't seen any of my letters printed yet. Are you using them as toilet paper? Any way, mustn't grumble. All I want to say is that your mag is brill and keep up the good work.
Ryan O'Hare, Stirlingshire
YOB: Why did you change your letter paper? The stuff you were using before was strong and absorbent and my finger didn't go through when I was wiping hard.

RECYCLED MEAN MACHINES

Dearest YOBski,
Mega disaster. My stupid brother let his stupid mate borrow my collection of MEAN MACHINES mags. When I asked for them back, he went red and said his dog had chewed them up. Whenever



the fleabag craps, it recycles my mags.

Question: Should I collect the bits or will you send me a prize as consolation?

Matt Wragg, Worksop

YOB: Oh dear. Not another shaggy dog story.









The REAL reason behind Matt's departure by Ed Cornwall of Colchester.

DEATH DEFYING LIAR

Dear YOB,
Today I went to my local newsagent to buy a copy of MEAN MACHINES but the usual five minute walk was a hazardous one.

I stepped out of the front door and immediately fell down the three steps which lead up to the door. I landed awkwardly on face - breaking my nose. Since I had to get to the shop fast before the magazine sold out, I got up to continue my walk.

I must have walked a full five yards before I needed to cross a small one-way road which about three cars use in a day. I crossed without looking and guess what happened? I was knocked down by an OAP driving a Reliant Robin. The collision had broken my left arm in two places, fractured my skull and given me a sprained ankle, but I knew how important it was to get to the shop quickly, so I continued to walk, or hobble.

Upon rounding the corner I was approached by an unsavoury gang of hooligans who took great pleasure in hacking off my right arm with Stanley knives - what a fun day!

By this time I thought that nothing else could go wrong, but how wrong I was! I had finally reached the shop's door (which I managed to open with my knee). As I limped towards the magazine shelves I tripped over a crate of milk (smashing every bottle) which sent me flying at a high velocity in the direction of the cooked meats display. My head went through the glass (which the shop owner made me pay for) severing my nose, right ear and gouging out my left eye.

I slurred out the words "Can I have a MEAN MACHINES please?". I was given a copy and was helped out of the shop by a Pit Bull dog (which is an experience I don't recollect). After the dog had eaten what it wanted, it urinated on me and ran away.

Then an elderly gentleman shovelled me off the pavement and carried me (and all my bits) home. He rang the doorbell and my brother answered the door and said "Oh, it's you!" and asked the man to "dump" me in the hallway.

Still, as I always say, always look on the bright side. I still had my copy of MEAN MACHINES (only problem is, I couldn't turn the pages!).

P Tweedle (in pain)

YOB: You poor, sad crip. At least next time you'll be able to call for a Sunshine bus.



This brill pic courtesy of Lee Sullivan from Halifax.

DELUDED MAN OF THE MONTH

Dear big ass YOB,
You are talking out of your ass. The Amiga is 5000 times better than the stupid Super Famicom, you dozy ass. When this boy called Glen Paul in Scotland said it isn't the graphics but the playability you said it was completely and utterly true. You've said that 7348 times. You're talking out of your butt. But when Key King of the Whizzkids wrote, you said that the graphics on the Famicom had 28,000 more colours than the Amiga, so obviously you were saying that graphics were more important.

A person who knows more about computers than you, Somewheresville

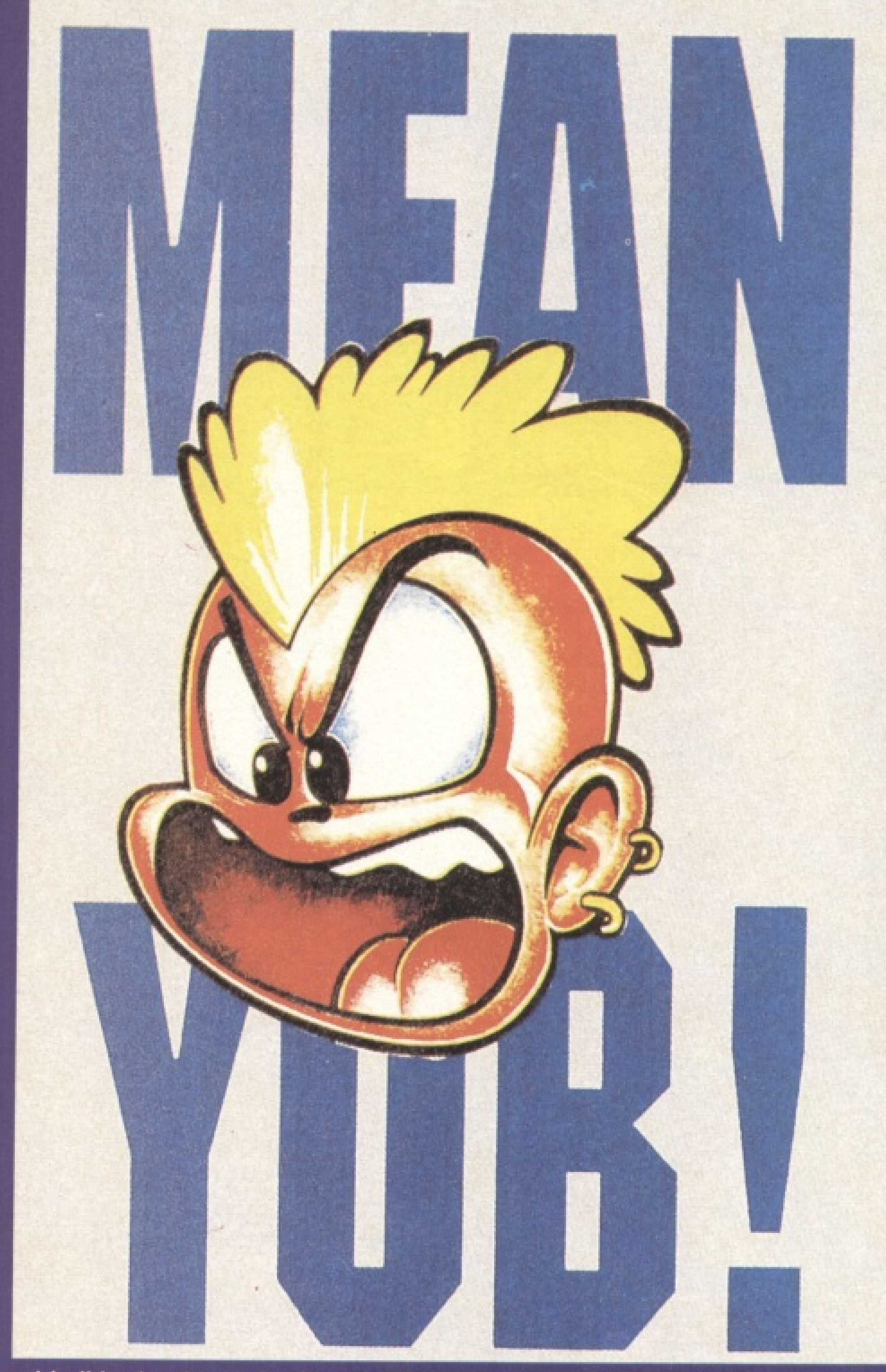
YOB: You're the hot contender for the El Retardo Supremo 1991 Award, and no mistake! For the 7349th time, playability IS all important, you dozy monkey-ass cretin. As an Amiga owner, you obviously don't know about things like that. The fact that the Super Famicom also has 28,000 colours more than the Amiga is an additional bonus. The Super Famicom also has better sound too - another additional bonus. Face up to the facts baboon-boy: as a games machines, your Amiga is nowhere near as good as a Super Famicom.

DEKE'S VOICE OF REASON

Dear MEAN,
Interesting fashion statement there m'man. The hair, the jacket, the boots, the kecks, the chin... A lesser man might have looked a right dickhead in that little lot.

To business. You seem to get an awful lot of letters along the lines of "What's best? The Verblfletcher or the Kray 9000?" or "My mate's a complete twat. He reckons his Oric is better than my Unix 2 step. Please put him straight".

Leaving aside the fact that if there was a best machine, then none of them could afford it, have they given a thought at all as to what they want from life, the universe and their games machines? Surely it's not the pixels on the palette that matter or



we'd all be buying Archimedes, it's what you do with what you've got (or so my brother tells me).,

To be precise it's the software that matters. If all you want to play is Space Invaders then all you need is an Atari 2600, because that is still the definitive version. I still play Intellivision games 'cos that machine still happens to have a lot of games that appeal to me. Likewise, because I'm a space shoot 'em up fan I've bought a Megadrive. I know the SNES is a superior machine, but from my own personal point of view it doesn't have superior software. What's the point of having the best machines if someone else has the best games?

That's it. Sorry this wasn't a silly letter. Next time I'll try and be a bit more pointless and insulting.
Deke Roberts, Oxford
YOB: Don't be sorry at all. It's nice to get well-written, well-argued letters. I only insult morons who don't argue their cases properly or just say inane things. I agree with your sentiments completely, although I can't let it go unsaid that I think that the likes of Mario IV, Goeman Warrior and UN Squadron are unmatched on the Megadrive. By then that's MY personal point of view. Oh, and I play still play Coleco games...

RAG AND BONE MAN

Dear MEAN YOB,
I was wondering what you do with your games after you have reviewed them. If you have nothing to do with them, I would buy them off you for between £15.00 to £20.00 (depending if they're any good or not). So just send me a list of games and how much they cost and I'll decide which ones I want.
Paul Heath, Bristol
YOB: Once we've finished reviewing games, we put them all in the incinerator on the ground floor of the MEAN MACHINES office. I know it's a waste, but what else are we supposed to do with them?

USE YOUR BRAIN

Dear MEAN YOB,
I am a very puzzled boy. This Christmas (or sooner), I am about to buy a mountain bike. But recently I came across the Super Famicom. I am confused. Should I get the bike or the Famicom? I own a Master System and my games include Mickey Mouse, Ghouls 'n' Ghosts and Kung Fu Kid. I don't have many games because I want something with a lot more whoosh! My friends tease me because I want a Nintendo, which they say is crap, so I want your advice. Famicom or bike?
Trevor (funky guy) Armistead, Stratford, Manchester
YOB: Well, you can't ride a Super Famicom to school, and games cartridges don't fit in a bike. Decide whether you want to ride around or play games and come to your own conclusion, you plonker.

▼ ***Apparently the orange guy is the artist - Mark Mangel from London!***

A QUART OF TROUBLE

Dear MEAN YOB,
Me and my friend Andrew have got a Nintendo, but two others of my friends have a Sega. They are called Mark and Chris. One of them said that the Sega has better graphics, better and more games, better control pad and Sonic the Hedgehog is better than Mario (fancy that from the friend I always play with!). There is another friend of mine and his name is Danny. The only reason he come over is to play on my Nintendo. What cheek! I can't stop him because if I say no, he will break friends with me! He's a sod! He always makes up names that are completely made up! The names are crap like Sto, Vosus, Linos, Spudo and Modien.
Steve Chan, Manchester
YOB: I think all four of you should get together and have a mass debate.

DON'T STEP ON MY GREEN SUEDE FACE

Dear MEAN YOB,
Hi YOB, you extensive wheel



clamp, how's it doing, my cup of char left on the mantelpiece. I'd just like to say that the Commodore Vic 20 is better than the Super Famicom. The Vic is technically superior to every console available.

And I will come down with my toenail clippers to relieve Jaz the spaz's extensive hair of him. Well YOB, you dew collected on the Skoda registration plate, you thumb print on the Maltese satellite dish, it's goodbye from the toenail clipping of the rice pudding bowl.
Elvis Presley, 10 Downing Street, London
YOB: Look, we all know you're the Prime Minister, so stop using a pseudonym.

DIY JOYSTICK ACTION

Dear YOB,
Being a keen MEAN MACHINES reader, I thought you might be interested in my NES arcade game which I constructed in my bedroom of all places. It took me three weeks or near enough and a hell of a lot of patience. The hardest part was converting Spectrum joysticks to work with my NES because apparently you can't get an actual joystick that is Nintendo compatible.

My NES sits in the bottom of the machine along with the cartridges, as you can see by the photos I have enclosed. It can also be used as a television and plays just like the real thing.
David Johnson, Edgbaston, Birmingham
YOB: Wow.

This amazing Gameboy artwork comes from someone who forgot to put their name on the back!



HAIR RAISIN'

Dear YOBBO,
If you have the tiniest shred of decency in your soul you will print this letter. If you don't print it, I will warn you now that in my spare time I am a witch doctor and I have a voodoo doll of you and if I don't see this letter in MEAN MACHINES soon I will stick ten six-inch nails up the doll's ass and you will feel the pain of every one.

Also, I would like to mention that the hairdo of Richard Leadbetter reminds me of Tin-Tin's hairdo (Tin-Tin being the guy out of the comic books, in case you didn't know) because both Richard's (or can I call you Dick? (*No - Rich*)) and Tin-Tin's hair is flipped up at the front.

How come every time I see a photo of Jaz he looks different. In one he's skinny, but in the next he is a fat git. I don't get it.
Kevin Docherty, Stirling, Scotland
YOB: Richard is Tin-Tin's stand-in. He nearly got Tin-Tin's job, but failed the final interview because he couldn't speak in a horrible poofy accent. We're trying to sort out some new pictures of Jazza, and everyone else for that matter. We've got loads of pics which were taken over the last 18 months - so one month we might have a pic that's two months old, the next might be a year old! That's why people look different from month to month. An added bonus is that when we finally get some new Jazza pics, you'll be able to see his new Granny-intimidating spiky on top, shaved at sides, very long at back look...



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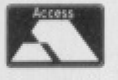
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Aaaaiiieeee! Get your sunglasses on 'cos here comes Jazza in his very brightest pair of special answering trousers. Yes, you've guessed it! It's Q+A time, when all your questions get answered by Jazza, the man with the world's greatest console knowledge. If you've got any questions on any subject and you need them answering quick (and we're sure you have), send them in to SIARAD I FI JAZZA, Q+A, MEAN MACHINES, PRIORY COURT, 30-32 FARRINGDON LANE, LONDON, EC1R 3AU.

HERE'S A

Dear Jaz,
Please could you answer my following questions.

1. When will the CD-ROM for the Megadrive be officially released?

2. Will there be a Japanese one, a Genesis one and an English one. If so, would you need to buy an English one if you had an English Megadrive?

3. Is Fantasia graphically any good? The screenshots I've seen it looks pretty poor.

4. When will Fantasia, Toe Jam and Earl and Quackshot be out?

Cheers then.
Paul Fowler, Staines, Middlesex
JAZ: 1. Autumn next year is the current date. 2. As far as we can tell, there won't be any kind of compatibility problems. If we find out anything to the contrary, we'll let you know. 3. Fantasia is graphically good, but the playability is still being severely tweaked. Wait until you've seen the MEAN MACHINES review next month before you buy. 5. All later on this year.

COMPLETELY FAB

Dear Jaz,
I trust you know a lot about the SNES because I am going to send you a few SNES-related questions...

1. When, roughly, will the SNES be released in the UK (to the nearest month).

2. What percentage would you give these SNES games: Caveman Ninja, Super Ghouls 'n' Ghosts, Super R-Type?

3. How did you get such a high score on Super Mario World in issue 116 of CVG?

4. Is Super Mario World harder or longer-lasting than the games in question five?

5. Why are Megadrive platform games so easy? So far I've completed Sonic, Mickey Mouse, Super Shinobi, Ghouls 'n' Ghosts, Strider and ESWAT.

Jonathon Arnold, Ringwood, Hants
JAZ: 1. September 1992 2. Wait until we review them, then you'll be able to find out. 3. Skill, pure skill. And genius. 4. Yes. 5. Because Sega Japan seem to think that European gamers want easy games. We're currently trying to persuade them that they're completely wrong, and that they should make their games a lot harder.

HEADLINE JOKE

Dear Jaz,
I would be grateful if you could answer these questions.

1. Is Turbo Outrun any good for the Megadrive? When can we expect a preview or review of it?

2. Any chance we will see any big name Sega coin-ops converted to the Super Famicom?

3. How long before you review Super Ghouls 'n' Ghosts on the Famicom. I can't wait to see it.

Gareth Hector, Paisley, Scotland.
JAZ: 1. It's pretty good - expect reviews at Christmas. 2. What do you think? 3. Unless there's a delay, expect a review next month.

SPECIAL, COURTESY

Yo Jaz!
What's your fave game at the moment on the NES? What do you think of Duck Tales? Are you going to review Silver Surfer and Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves?

Your number one screaming fan,
David Chesters, Crewe
JAZ: Nemesis II is my fave Nintendo game at the moment - it's a completely brill blaster, but won't be out until later on next year! Duck Tails is a laugh. It's got great graphics and sound, but it's a bit too easy for my liking. We'll review the two games you mentioned if and when they're officially released.

OF JAZZA'S SPECIAL

Dear Jaz,
I've got some questions about the Super Famicom. Please answer them.

1. Is it true that the PAL imported Super Famicom has crap quality graphics and sound?

2. Is the SCART Super Famicom any good in the graphics and sound department?

3. If the sound from my C64 (who laughed??) is distorted on my TV, will the Super Famicom's sound be distorted as well?

4. What sort of Super Famicom and monitor do MEAN MACHINES us?

5. Is Advance Console Entertainment's "Advance Colour Enhancement" mode any good?

Please reply before I go start raving mad!
John "I'm not married to Roseanne Barr" Goodman, Stevenage
JAZ: 1. Not necessarily, but they're incredibly unreliable. 2. It's the tops. 3. Not necessarily - your C64 sound chip might be shagged out. 4. A SCART one with a Philips monitor. 5. Yeah.

LAUGHING TROUSERS.

Dear Jazza,
1. I am going to buy a Megadrive game. Which one do you think I should get? EA Ice Hockey or Sonic the Hedgehog? Why?

2. Which one is better, the Lynx or the Game Gear and why?

3. Are Mickey Mouse and



HOW DO

Dear Jaz,
I am the proud owner of a Nintendo and I am shopping for a handheld games system. To help me choose between either a dazzling Gameboy or some more games for my NES, please answer these questions:

1. When the arcade Turtles comes out on the NES, will it be any good?
2. Can the Gameboy run US, UK and Japanese cartridges?
3. How long do the Gameboy's batteries last?
4. Is it worth getting a Gameboy?
5. Can you make this star letter, because I need the cash!

Ben Roseff, Betley

JAZ: 1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. Ages and ages. 4. Yes. 5. Get lost before I kick your monkey ass.

YOU TURN

Dear Jazza,
I have a few questions for you to answer. Do you know if any of these games will be released on the Megadrive.

1. The Secret of Monkey Island.
2. WWF Superstars.
3. Splatterhouse.
4. The Simpsons.
5. Operation Wolf.
6. Growl.
7. Lords of Chaos.
8. Kick Off 2.
9. Final Fight.
10. Dead Angle.

Chris Sadcer, Chesterfield

JAZ: Oooo. You awkward bar steward. No, maybe, no, no, no, no and no, followed by two strong possibilities and rounded off with another resounding no.

A DUCK

Dear Jaz,
Since you're a "god-like genius" I thought you wouldn't mind answering my questions.

1. Which Gameboy games do you know of that use the four-player adaptor?
2. How likely are Gameboy Mario 2, Speedball/Klashball, Rainbow Islands, Bad Dudes, Turtles II coin-op conversion?
3. Good though Chessmaster is, why did you give it a rating better than Contra, Hunt for Red October, and Marioland (even though you've said this is the best game on the Gameboy?)
4. Why can't you have a Q+A star letter?

Martin Kimber, Keele

JAZ: 1. There's only one at the moment, and that's the race game you get free with the adaptor. There are plenty of new ones in the pipeline - we'll be bringing you news about them in the coming months. 2. Sequels to Mario and Turtles are very likely - watch this space. The other two are virtual no-nos. 3. Because it's better than all of them - even Mario. 4. I answer your questions - what more do you ruddy want, you ungrateful git.

INTO A

Dear Jaz,
I am writing to ask you a few questions about a game I am thinking of buying for my Gameboy.

1. Which is the best game out of Megaman, Robocop, The Simpsons and Gremlins 2? And why?
2. Are there any good beat 'em ups for the Gameboy apart from Double Dragon?
3. I have tried to find Mario 2 on the Gameboy. Does it exist?

Richard Kuczma, Sudbury, Suffolk

JAZ: 1. I think the Simpsons is the best because I like it more than the other three. 2. Wait for Double Dragon 2 to appear and your question will be answered. 3. No, not yet.

SOUL SINGER?

Dear Jaz,
I will be getting a Megadrive soon but I am unsure of which version to buy.

1. Are the imported Megadrives which sell for around £100 any good, as I have heard that they aren't as good quality as the official ones (poor picture quality etc)?
2. Do they really run Japanese, American and UK carts and convert 95% of Japanese text?
3. As the guarantee offered by importers lasts only a year is buying one safe? What are the chances of a breakdown after 12 months?

W Wild, North Water

JAZ: 1. Imported Megadrives are generally just as good as the official ones - check 'em out before you buy. 2. Some do - check with your importer. 3. The same as an official machine - which also has a 12-month guarantee.

STICK IT

Bonjour Jazza,
I've mailed you some questions of which I am sure many people will be interested in knowing the answers to.

1. Will Pro-Soccer be released on the Megadrive?
2. Will the arcade Ninja Turtles appear on the Megadrive?
3. Will you be covering the CD Megadrive when it's released?
4. And while I remember, what's your favourite game EVER?

Whilst I am writing this letter, I am sat watching Little and Large, and to be quite honest, Sid Little isn't particularly amusing.

James Ward, Ravenshead, Nottingham

JAZ: No, maybe and yes. Stargate (the sequel to Defender) is my current all-time favouritest ever game ever in the whole world ever. By the way, I think that Little and Large are about as funny as having your haemorrhoids removed with a rusty chisel.

IN A

Dear Jazoo,
In last month's issue (page 85) is an advertisement selling a machine called the GB300SE. So I rang up and asked what it was and I was told it was Nintendo compatible and took American cartridges. Please explain.

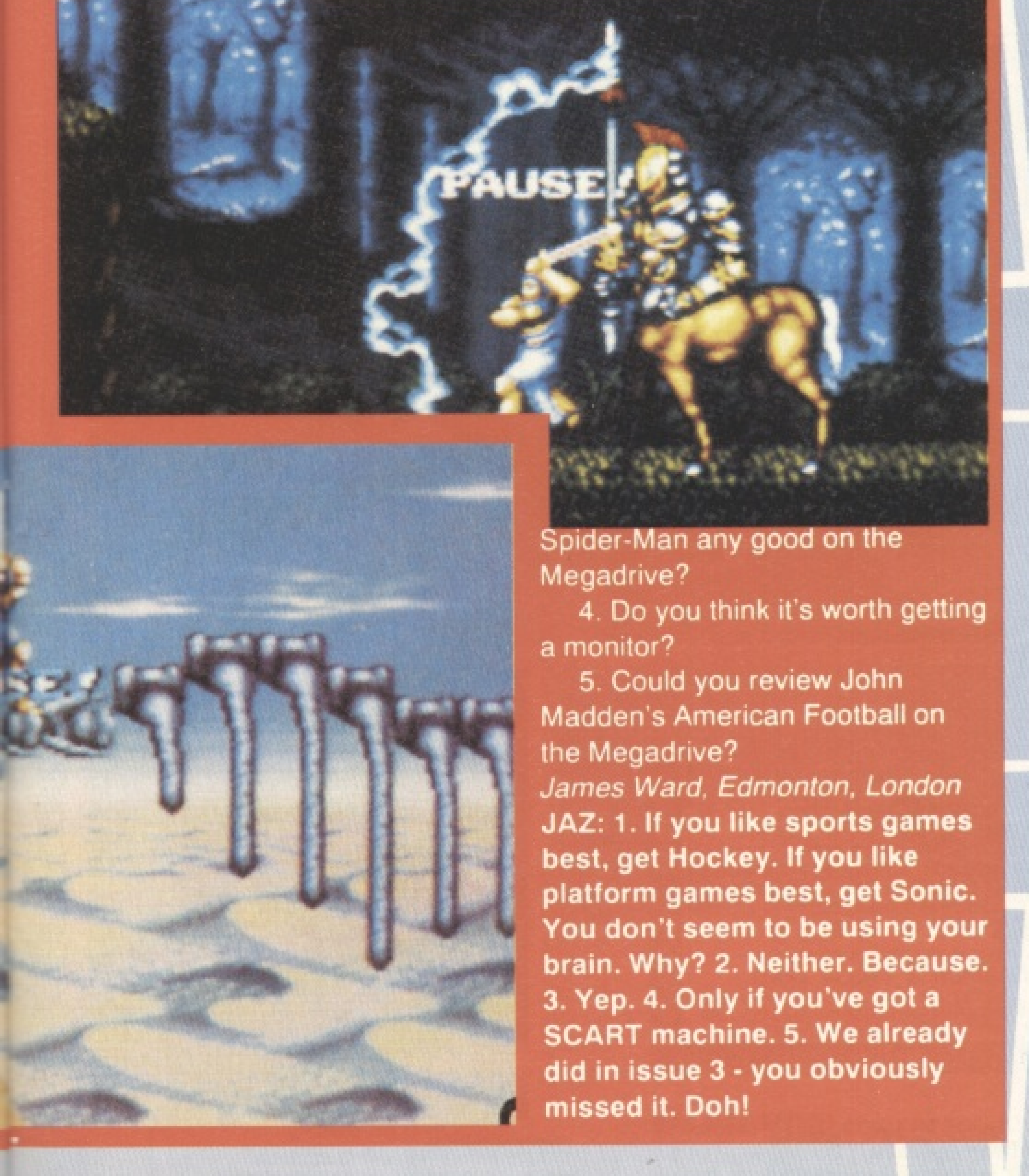
Daniel, Dyton, Leeds

JAZ: It's one of many Nintendo clones produced in the Far East which run Nintendo software. They're pretty cheap, but build quality tends to be rather dodgy. You'd be better off buying a proper Nintendo and getting a specialist to convert it to run US software.

MICROWAVE AND

Dear Jaz,
I've just bought a Megadrive and I'd like to know a few things.

1. When is Speedball 2 coming out?
2. Are Streets of Rage and Golden Axe 2 any good?

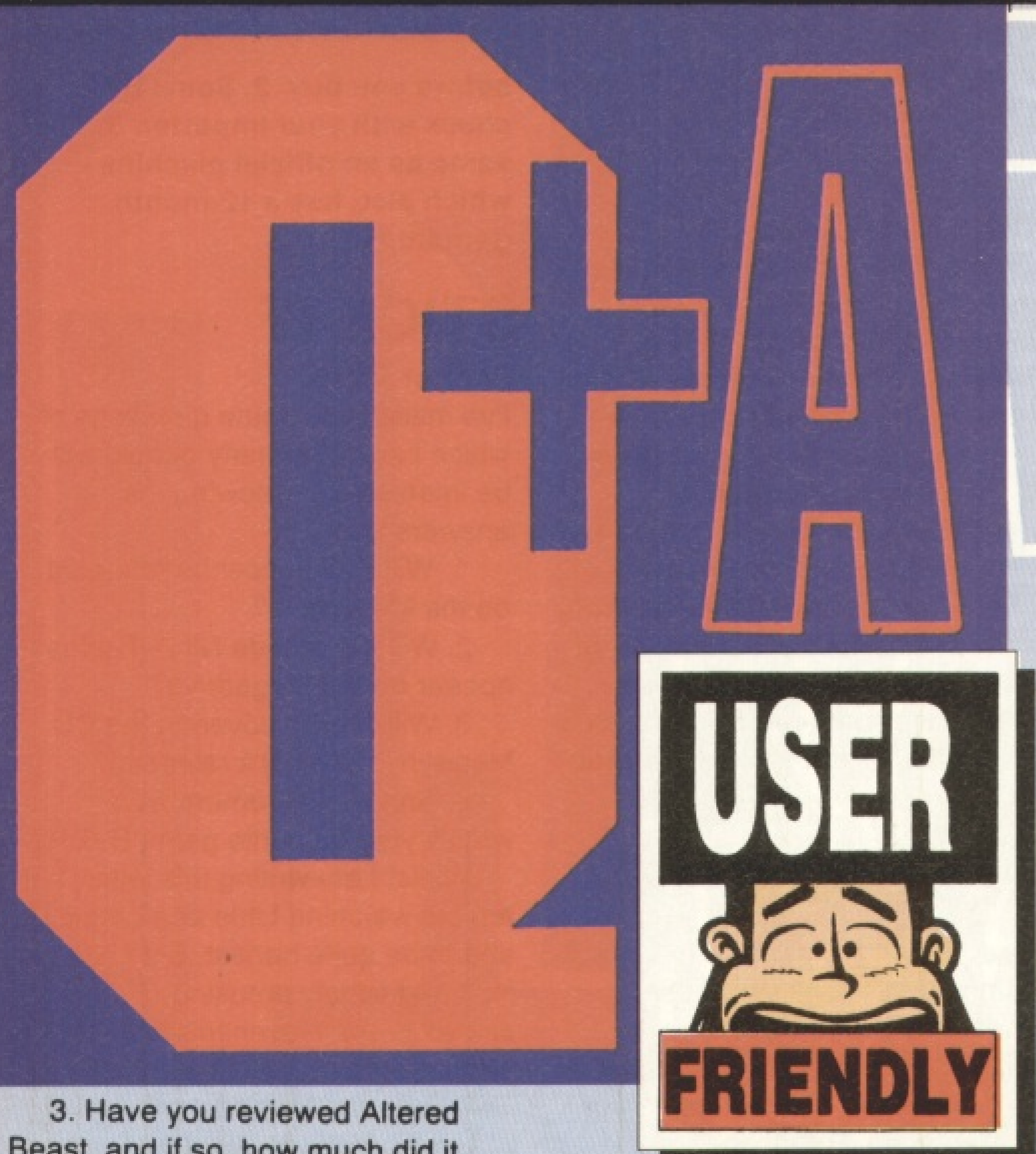


Spider-Man any good on the Megadrive?

4. Do you think it's worth getting a monitor?
5. Could you review John Madden's American Football on the Megadrive?

James Ward, Edmonton, London

JAZ: 1. If you like sports games best, get Hockey. If you like platform games best, get Sonic. You don't seem to be using your brain. Why? 2. Neither. Because. 3. Yep. 4. Only if you've got a SCART machine. 5. We already did in issue 3 - you obviously missed it. Doh!



3. Have you reviewed Altered Beast, and if so, how much did it get?

Thanks for your time,
Michael Sheaf, Abingdon
JAZ: 1. Stateside release date is November. 2. Both are great. 3. No, and if you're interested, I think it's pretty hopeless.

IT'S

Dear Jaz,
I have some questions to tax you with.

1. When will Gameboy Pit-Fighter be out (on import) and will it be any good?

2. I though Skate and Die (Bad and Rad) was great, so is the sequel better?

3. When Gameboy screenshots are in your mag they are red, blue, purple and black, but never the real colour, GREEN. Why?

4. Are there any home computers better than the Amiga because the BBC Archimedes is 32-bit?

Christopher Mansbridge, Strathclyde
JAZ: 1. I dunno. I haven't seen it yet. 2. I didn't think it was quite so good. 3. It's a trick of the light which fools the camera. 4. There are loads of IBM PC Compatibles which stuff both the Amiga and Archie.

BILL WITHERS!!!

Dear Jaz,
I am writing in disgust after reading your August issue (number 11) Q+A section, because some Dickhead called Matthew Smith blatantly put down Master System owners. There is NOTHING wrong with the Master System at all! Now for some questions?

1. Are Master Systems technically superior to the NES?

2. What is a Graphics Tablet?

3. When will it be available for the Megadrive?

4. How much will it cost?

5. Will you be at the European Computer Entertainment Show at Earls Court?

Mervyn and Buster, Tonbridge, Kent
JAZ: 1. Not really. 2. It's a peripheral which, when run with specially-written software, lets you draw pictures on-screen. 3+4. I haven't got a clue. 5. No, 'cos it's cancelled!

HA, HO, HE. LAUGH YOU PHILISTINES.

Dear Jaz,
I am hoping to get the Simpsons game for my Nintendo for my birthday and I would like to know if it is the same game I played in the amusement arcade on holiday, or are they all different?
Alan Miller, Eastfield, Scotland
JAZ: It's a different game to the coin-op, but I think it actually has longer-lasting appeal! Check out the review elsewhere in the mag and see what you think.

WAIT UNTIL

Dear Jazza,
Please could you answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a date for the official release of the UK SNES.

2. Is Gary Harrod perverted or something?

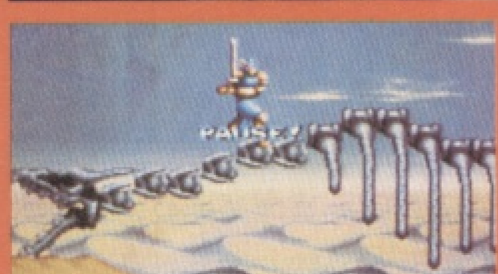
3. Do you think I should buy a Japanese Famicom or wait for the UK SNES?

4. Is there any mail order company that can spell Actraiser (not Acteriser or Actrazor)?

Guy Stables (BATTLELORD), Woodchurch, Kent
JAZ: Right, here goes Mr Guy Stables (BATTLETURD). 1. I've already answered that one elsewhere on these stupendously exciting pages. 2. Oooh yes. Dreadfully. You should see the tricks he can do with a rubber chicken, a large banana and a garden gnome (although he needs a bottle of baby lotion to help him with the gnome)! 3. I can't tell you because I don't know how patient or impatient you are. 4. Sadly not.











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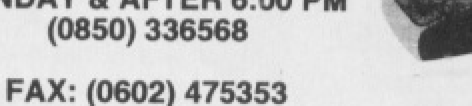
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TIPS

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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

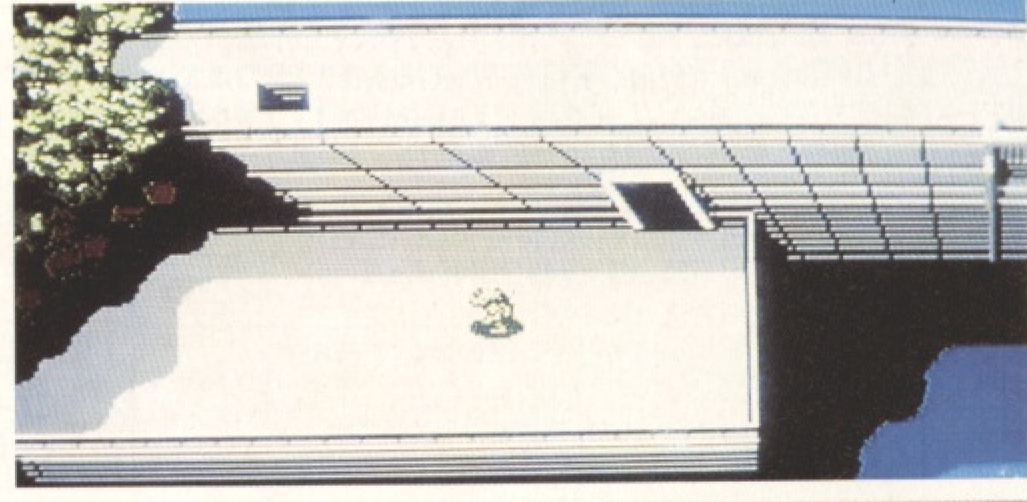
Mark Greene from Dublin sent in his method for finishing the Turtles game.

On the third level, there are two buildings. Inside these is a scroll weapon (these destroy everything). This scroll reappears if you leave the building and enter it again! Give each turtle lots of scrolls.

LEVEL THREE BOSS: Select your scroll weapons and keep firing them at the boss until he dies. A green man should then appear. Hit him and jump onto the ledge next to Splinter, then repeat your onslaught.

LEVEL FOUR BOSS: Select Donatello and get him to stand between Mouser's legs. When he opens his mouth, press fire and up. After a few good hits, he bites the proverbial dust.

LEVEL FIVE BOSS: Stand at the bottom left hand corner of the screen, and using scrolls disarm the Technodrome. Now it's just a case of hitting the eye, and that's the end of that!



LEVEL SIX BOSS: Lure Shredder to the bottom right hand

CAPTAIN SKYHAWK

Ingemar Hjelmstad (yes, it's that man again) sent in a whole load of tips for this game. According to him, you can skip levels during play by pressing buttons A and B along with UP on the controller two. You'll automatically jump to the next mission! Also, if you fancy the prospect of playing this topper game with decent weapons and nine lives, follow this plan of action. After you press START, wait until the words CAPTAIN SKYHAWK come up again. At this point, press DOWN and button A. Now you'll start with nine men and all the weapons!



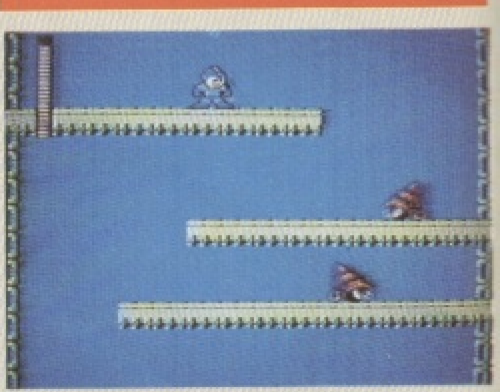


BLADES OF STEEL

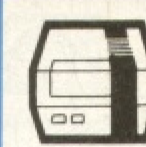
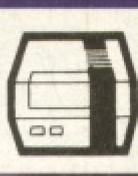
"I have a tip for Blades of Steel," quoth Tony Smith from London. "To start the game without any goalkeepers just hold down the A and B buttons on both controllers and then press START on pad one!".



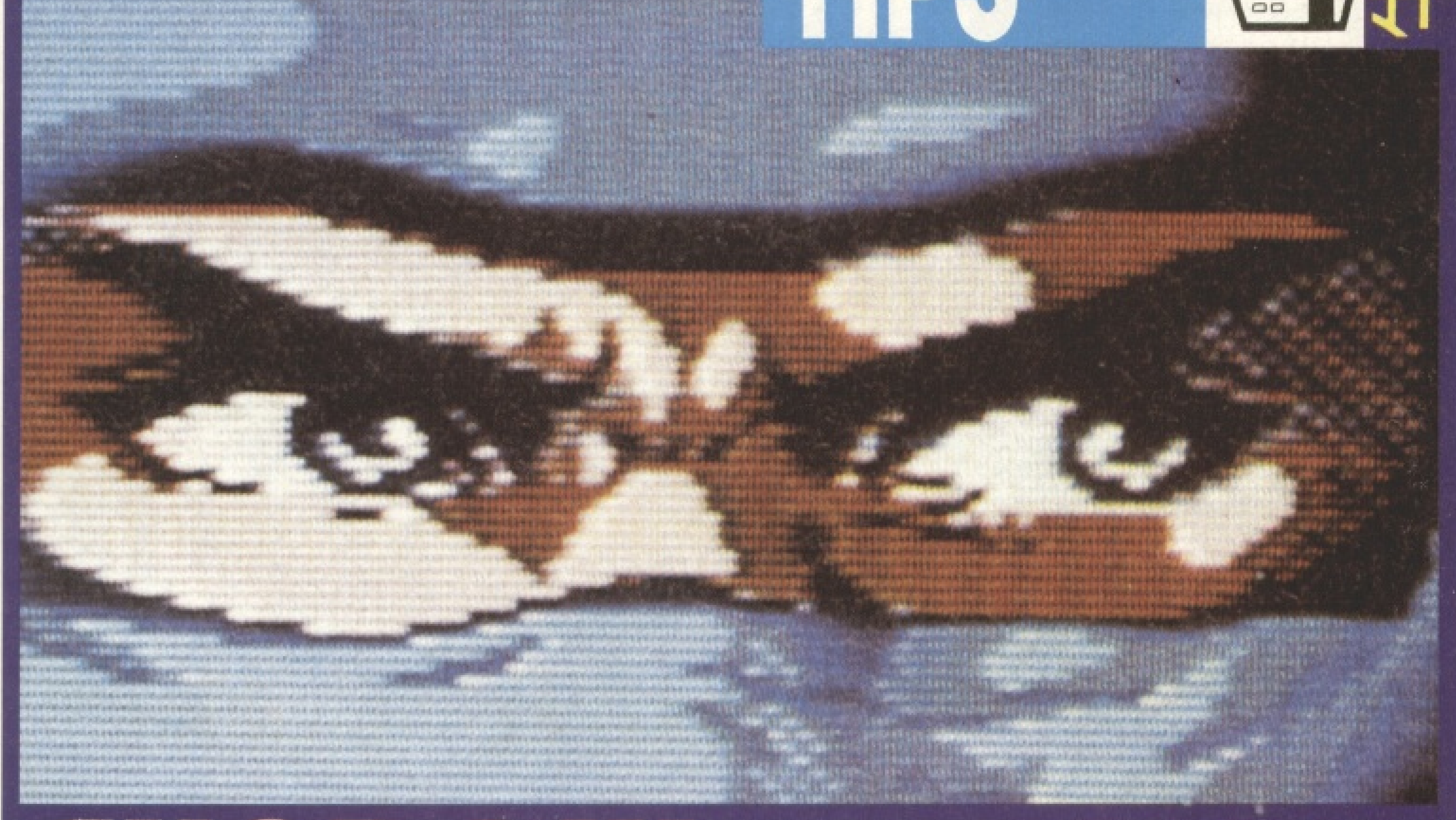
MEGAMAN II



When you reach the last stage in Dr Wily's castle (the one that has acid dripping from the roof), keep to the very right of the screen at all times and you avoid the drips of acid! Simplicity itself courtesy of Peter Lindsay from Glasgow.





SHADOW WARRIOR

Lloyd Phillips from Bury sent in these tips for dealing with the end-of-level guardians.

BARBARIAN: Throw your small skuriken star at him, then close in for the kill with your sword.

KELBEROSS: Get under the left podium and hit him with your windmill star when he comes from the right. Staying on the left, hit the other one with your sword or star.

BASEQUR: Use your windmill star and throw it at his bullets. When it returns to you, jump over it and it will hit him!

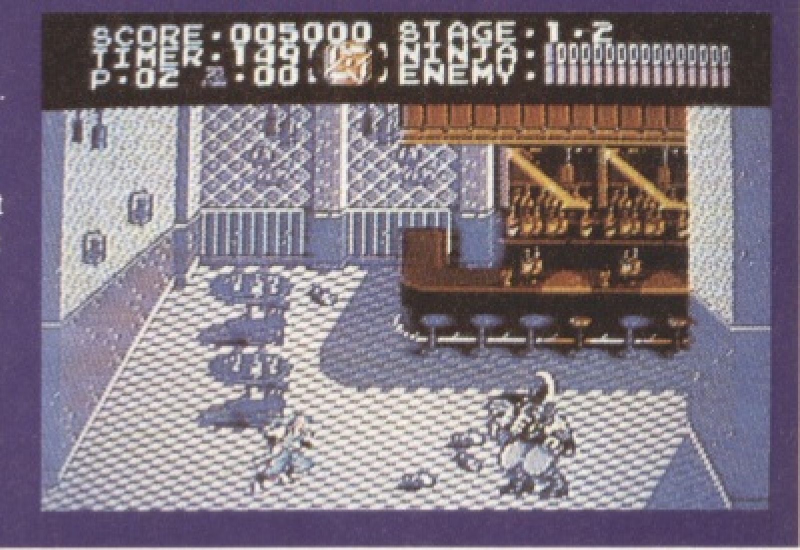
BLOODY MALTH: Get right next to him and start throwing your small star without stopping. When you run out, get him with your sword.

JAQUIO: Use the art of fire wheel, and shoot him once. Run to the right and shoot him once. Repeat this process to make Jaquio a bad memory.

BOMBERHEAD: Get right next to him, duck down and let him have it with your sword.

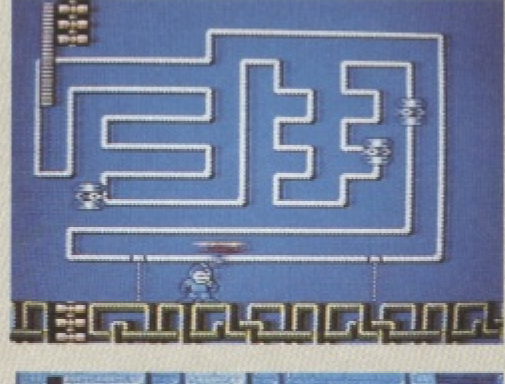
LEVEL 5-2: To get through the cliff, jump onto the cliff as high as you can using the wall-climbing technique. Once you've waited for the bird to pass by, repeat the technique again and you'll fall onto the platform below.

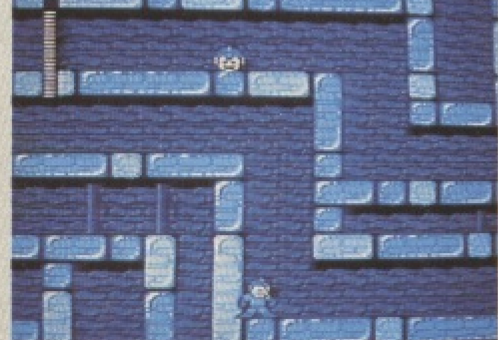
LEVEL 6-2: Use the jump and slash technique, or if you want to save your points, hold down on the cross pad while jumping and using your sword.



corner of the screen while placing yourself in the bottom left hand corner. Now just use your scrolls to send Shredder to the grave.

PIZZA: Use the tactic for topping up on scrolls, to give each turtle a full energy bar.

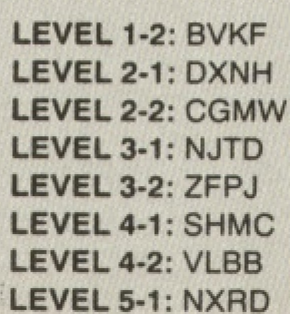


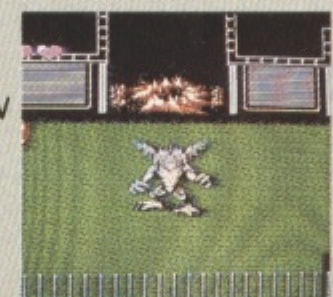


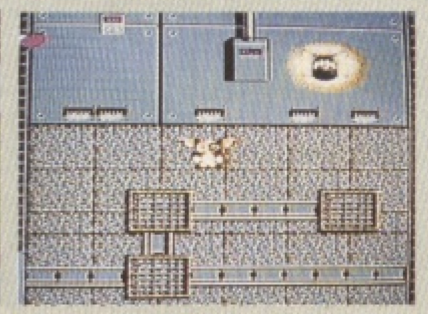
GREMLINS 2

David Killengray from Loughton in Essex sent in loads of codes to try out on this on this decent Nintendo shoot 'em up. According to David, with these codes you get that level's weapon as well, which can't be bad!

LEVEL 1-2: BVKF
LEVEL 2-1: DXNH
LEVEL 2-2: CGMW
LEVEL 3-1: NJTD
LEVEL 3-2: ZFPJ
LEVEL 4-1: SHMC
LEVEL 4-2: VLBB
LEVEL 5-1: NXRD





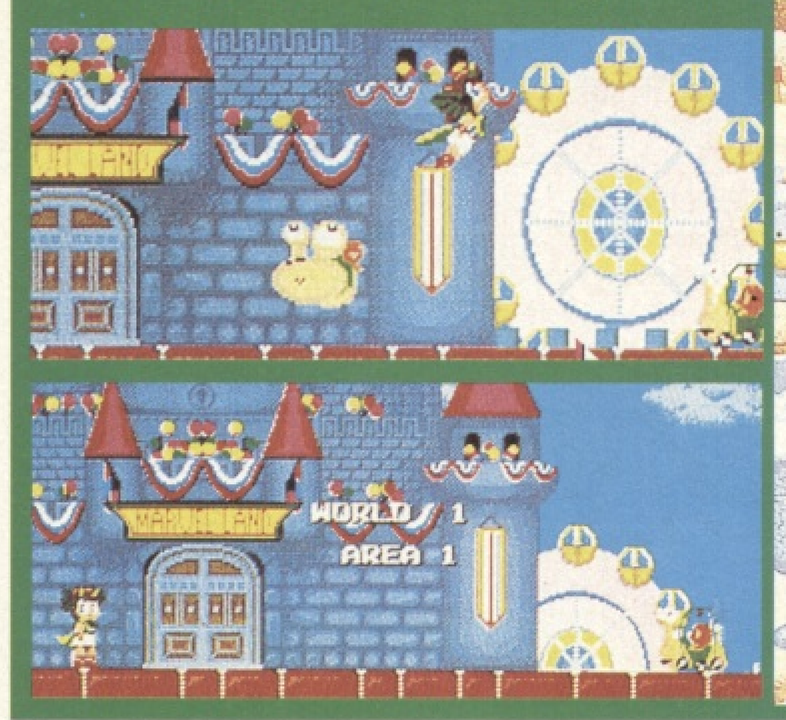


FESTER'S QUEST

Peter Lindsay from Glasgow sent in tips for a gobsmacking 24 Nintendo games! We've decided to print a few of them, and one of them is this tip for destroying the alien UFO in this sad excuse for an arcade adventure. Just drink an invisibility potion and then shoot the machine gun on the lower left side. When you have blown that up, move all of the way to the right and bomb the upper right of the computer. Once you've done that, the game is complete!



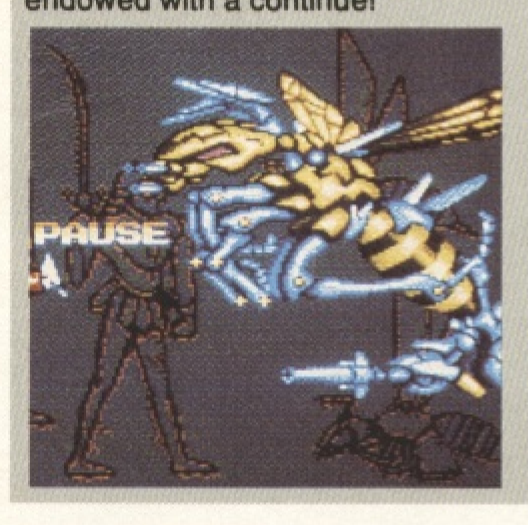
G Wilson from the excitement-laden metropolis of Upper Norwood in London sent us this password to get right to the end of the game. Just enter **TRIDENT** on the password screen, with the difficulty level set at normal and Bob's your very embarrassing relative.





INSECTOR X

A pretty dull blaster by all accounts, but if you just can't get any further with it, try out this cheat courtesy of (once again) Ingemar Hjelmstad. When the continue screen appears, push diagonally left and up and press the C button. Each time you press C you'll be endowed with a continue!



MUSHA ALESTE

Richard Wagstaff from Mansfield sent in these tips with which to obtain all manner of cheats. Funnily enough, we saw these cheats in an American mag a couple o' months ago...

20 CONTINUES: Press START to pause the game and then enter this code: UP, UP, UP, DOWN, DOWN, LEFT, LEFT, LEFT, RIGHT, RIGHT, C, C, B. A and START.

ROUND SELECT: Turn the game on and wait for the Sega logo to appear. Press RESET. Repeat this ten more times. Then let the title screen pop up and enter the options menu while you hold down LEFT and DOWN. You will see ROUND list underneath



GAME LEVEL, which means you can choose your level!

ADD FIVE LIVES: Press START to pause the game and then press RIGHT, DOWN, RIGHT, DOWN, LEFT, UP, LEFT, UP, B, C, A and START,

FULL POWER-UP: Any time in the game press START to pause. Now press B, C, B, B, C, UP, DOWN and A.



Not a bad blaster, but if you fancy full invulnerability, pause the game then press and hold down the A and C buttons. Now press LEFT. The screen should freeze for a second. Unpause with the combination pressed down then release the buttons. Repeat this at the end of each level to maintain full invulnerability. Also, to get the T-braster, shoot out your Toz unit six times before capturing an enemy ship. Now you should have the T-braster. Ingemar Hjelmstad from Sweden sent that tip in.



BURNING FORCE™



"Hi!!!" wrote Ingemar Hjelmstad from Sweden. Fortunately, that wasn't the end of his ranting, for he also included some cheats in his letter starting with this Namco Megadrive game. To start the game with ten ships, follow this cunning plan. At the START/OPTION screen press B, A, B, A, A, C, A, A then hit that START button to get underway!



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SWORD OF SODAN

Ingemar again, this time with a round select cheat for this forlorn slash 'em up. Get a highscore and then enter your name as **HINANP:)**. Now, during the game, use the START button of a controller plugged into port two to skip a level.

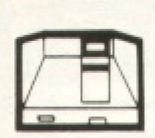


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG



Here's an interesting tip that actually changes the ending of Sonic the Hedgehog! When you've killed off Dr Eggman and Sonic is speeding across Green Hill Zone, hold down A, B, and C together and keep them held down for the duration of the ending. Sonic will now do something a bit different. Another ending can be seen by collecting six chaos jewels. Thanks to Jake Smith from Crosby in Liverpool.





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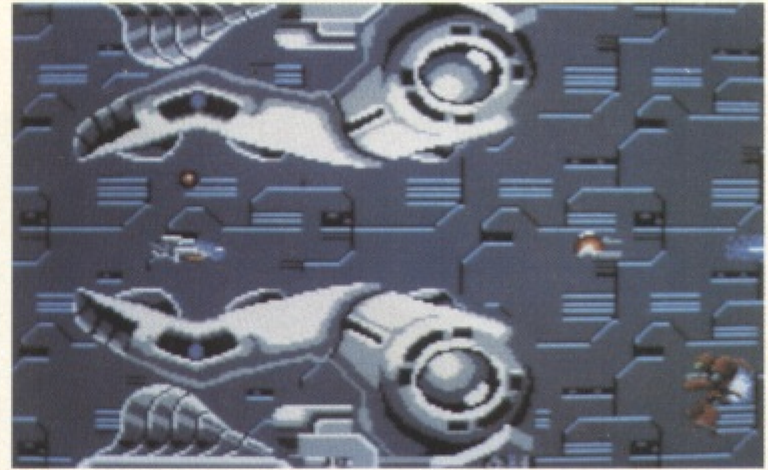
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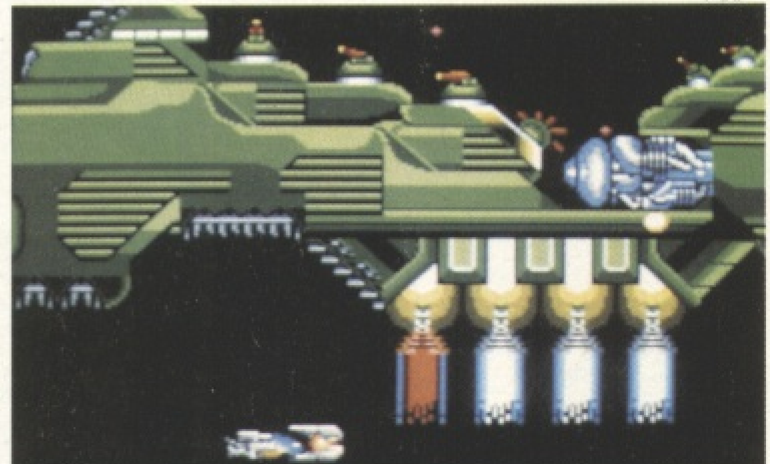
Sampo Sammalisto strikes back once more with a tiny tip to help all frustrated players of this jolly romp get still further into the game. When the Game Over screen appears, you can continue three times by pressing both buttons! Hurrah for that!

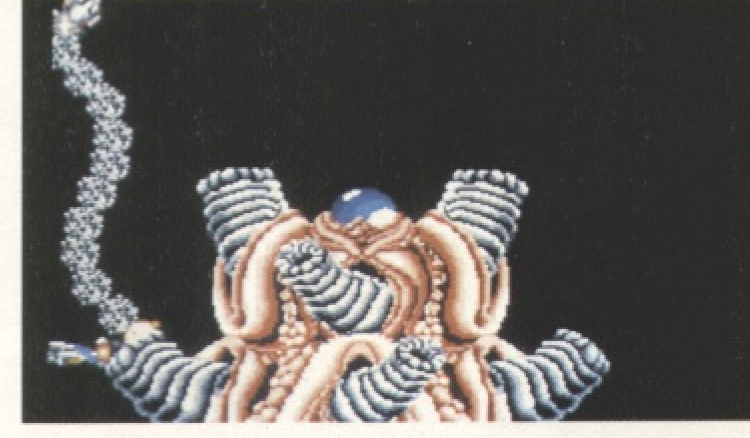
ALEX KIDD IN MIRACLE WORLD

On the Game Over screen, hold your pad up and press button two eight (count 'em) times. Provided you've got $400 spare, a continue is yours for the taking. Sampo Sammalisto from Finland sent that in as well. Steven Aires from Manchester also has a tip that might help out frustrated Kidds. On the second underwater stage, kill the octopus and hover over the bowl. Now pull the joystick down a couple of times and you'll be taken into a bonus stage!

R-TYPE™

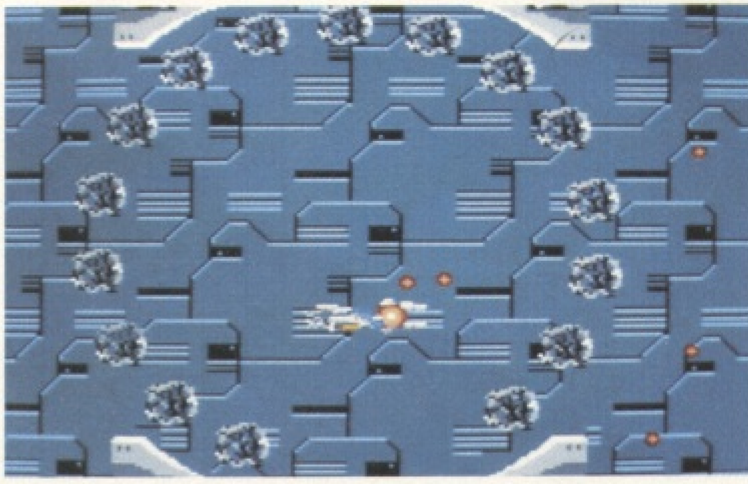






Sampo Sammalisto from way off in Finland sent in a thinly-disguised begging letter along with a few tips. One of his more interesting efforts was this tip for invincibility on this cracking shoot 'em up. For this you need two controllers. Turn the system off and hold down and right on control pad one, along with up and left on control pad two. Now press pad two's button one. Keep all this held down and turn the system on - keeping all of that pressed down. When the title screen has been and gone, you can let go and start the game proper, and to quote Sampo himself: "Behold! Invincibility is now yours!".





PRO WRESTLING

Chris Black from Workington in Cumbria sent in a rather abrupt letter with this solitary tip. Indeed, I quote: "I have a tip for Pro Wrestling on the Master System. All you have to do is punch or kick your opponents down three times (without doing any other move), go for a pin and you will get a three count every time. Easy, eh?"

TENNIS ACE

Matthew Keys hates playing all of the matches in the game (which sort of defeats the point really) and saw fit to send in this code to take you straight to the final. Just try this:

NKOF VVLG
LKGS FCKK

MEGA DRIVE

VALIS III

Good ol' Ingemar Hjelmstad from Sweden sent in a huge stack of cheats for this game. This one is quite cunning in that it reveals all of the cinematic-type screens to be found in the game, and yes, that does include the ending! On the title screen press buttons A and C and move the D-pad diagonally up and to the LEFT. Press START and you can see any of the screens your heart desires. Also, to access the hidden stage select, hold the D-pad up and hold down the A and C buttons (do all this on the title screen). Press START and when a black screen appears, let go to reveal the hidden menu!

VERYTEX

Pause the game and hold down A, B and C and wiggle the joypad about a bit. Unpause the game and you should be endowed with a shield! This can be repeated as many times as you like - even when your ship is blowing up, if you're quick. Sometimes it also gives you extra lives! Thanks again to Jake Smith from Liverpool!

HELLFIRE



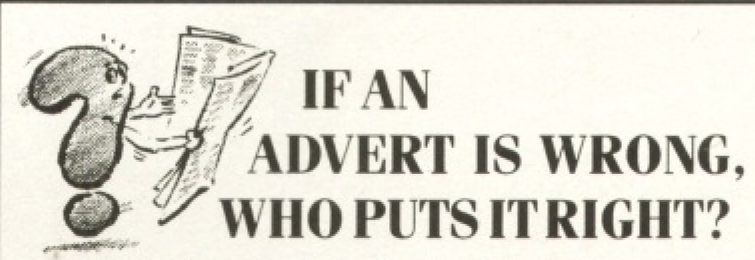
If you're having problems with this superlative shoot 'em up (the best on the Megadrive at the moment), try this tip to get 99 continues! Just go to options and select HARD as your difficulty level. Then go to the sound select and listen to any tune for 70 seconds. The game should start automatically and it should say YEA RIGHT where it normally says DIFFICULTY SETTING. That means the cheat's been installed! Daniel Gibbons sent that in, although he's only tried it out on the American Genesis import version of the game.

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CHOPLIFTER II

Take a look at the page with the little 76 in the corner and you'll find a review of the latest Gameboy stunna, Choplifter II! Gaz has spent many hours playing this game and is now ready to unleash this mega Choplifter II player's guide! Check it out!

WATCH THE BIRDIE



Your Choplifter-class helicopter isn't the only thing that takes to the skies in the game, so keep a look out for the local wildlife! Hits from birds reduces your energy. Make sure you give any scenery a wide berth too, as if you're clumsy and hit anything on the ground, you'll lose more energy!

NO VACANCIES



It's extremely unwise to fill up the helicopter with hostages. If you're destroyed you might find hostages a bit hard to come by and you won't be able to complete the mission! Be on the safe side and head for base when you have rescued three or four hostages. Most levels have three or four extra hostages around in case a few die. Unfortunately, the later levels aren't so forgiving as NO extra hostages are given out!



CLOUDS AND RAIN

Keep an eye out for the rain clouds in the game. Some clouds can be flown through with ease, and with no lose to the Choplifter's shields. Unfortunately, storm clouds cause more aggro. If you hit one of these on top power, you'll lose control of your ship for a while (until the danger passes), as well as lose some energy. If you're low on energy you're dead. Look out for the lightning clouds. One hit from one of them and it's curtains!

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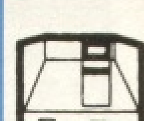


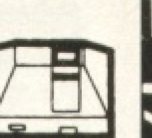
Obstacles on later levels may seem impassable, but if you're a really skill dude, you'll blast away at the enemy bases. Once they've bitten the dust, icons are revealed which enable you to proceed. For example on level three, hostages are rescued from the deck of a warship. However, you are unable to land. The trick here is to find and collect the R icon. You can now lower a rope for the hostages to climb!

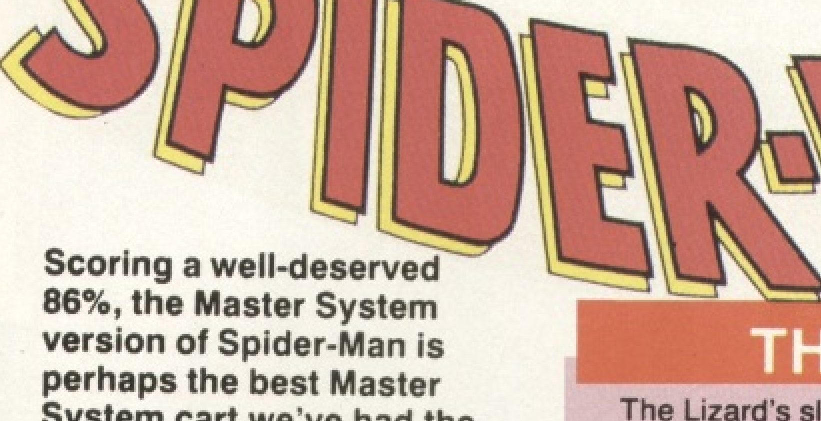
ANOTHER LOST CAUSE

If you're a complete spaz and STILL can't get anywhere despite this massive, heaving amount of tips, perhaps you should check out this table o' passwords which can cheat you all the way to the end of the game!

SECTOR 1-3:	LKYBYSS
SECTOR 2-1:	CHPLFTR
SECTOR 2-3:	RGHTHND
SECTOR 3-1:	GDGMPLY
SECTOR 3-2:	TRYHRDR
SECTOR 3-3:	SPRYSKS
SECTOR 4-1:	CMPTRWZ
SECTOR 4-2:	CHPYBYS
SECTOR 4-3:	VRYHPPY
SECTOR 5-1:	GMBTQZD
SECTOR 5-2:	LVLYTYZ
SECTOR 5-3:	GDDYGMZ







Scoring a well-deserved 86%, the Master System version of Spider-Man is perhaps the best Master System cart we've had the pleasure to play over the last couple of months. If you're having trouble getting far into the game, try out some of these special Spidey tips!

OUTSIDE THE DAILY BUGLE

There's little to do here. Just spin a few webs and find the open window at the top-right of the Bugle building. Now using the B button crawl into the window. Don't stay in one place too long, or the police shoot you. Don't try to beat up the cops either, because they're invulnerable to all forms of Spidey attack!



THE WAREHOUSE

Couldn't be simpler really. Just progress from the left to the right of the playing area, beating the seven shades out of ALL of the meanies you chance across. When all of the cons are out of the way, a forklift truck appears to cause a bit of aggro. Fire webs straight at it to immobilise the driver. Use a special Spidey flying kick to damage the driver, but watch out as the truck moves immediately after the hit. Doctor Octopus appears after the truck. Remembering to take a pic, web up the Doc, punch him and then repeat the process. Easy!



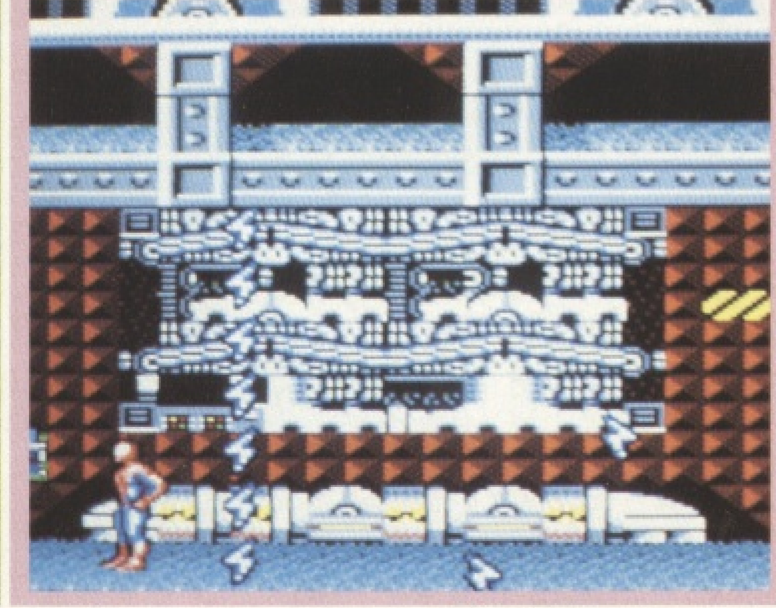
THE SEWERS

The Lizard's slime-laden domain is next on Spidey's list. Working from left to right, take out all of the Lizard's mutant henchmen, but watch out for the Lizard's traps at the bottom of the screen. Fall into one of these and all of the henchmen are mysteriously resurrected when you surface. Once the Lizard appears, take a couple of pics for your collection. Now keep moving to avoid Lizzie-baby's clutches. Cause him serious damage by webbing him up and flying kick him. Spidey's webs don't last very long so keep up your web assault right up to your kick. When the Lizard's gone, you'll have to find his key. Web-swing all the way to the right-hand side of the play area and touch the ground. You should fall into a pit where the key is hidden.

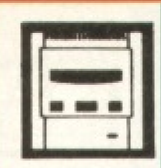


THE POWER STATION

A very taxing level this one, simply because Spider-Man always seems to be under some kind of electrical attack. Our advice for this level is simple. Keep looking around for small levers set into the wall. Punch the lever and the electrical attack should stop - for a while. Now it's up to you to race your way to the next lever and punch that before the electrical bombardment begins again. In between all this action, it's up to you to take out all of your human assailants. Once they've been despatched, the evil Electro appears to give you some hassle!







GUNDAM F91

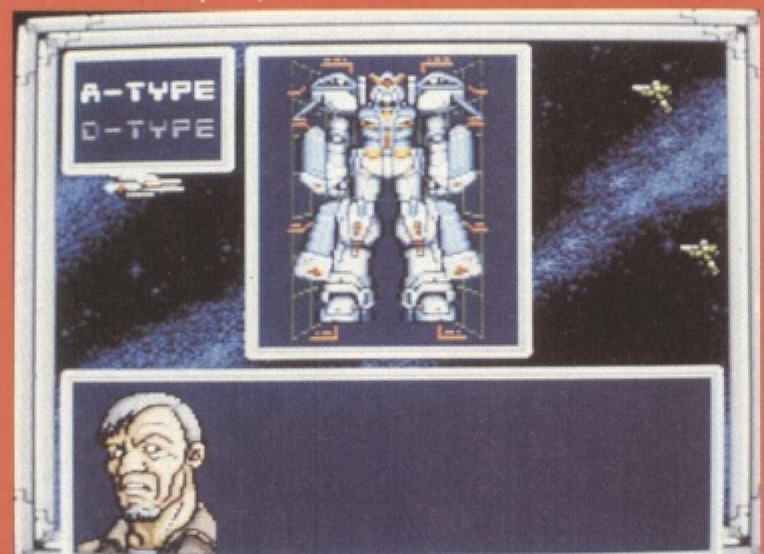
Check out these tips for the Super Famicom game Gundam F91 - a game featuring loads of huge robots and violence! Unfortunately a vast majority of the game doesn't make sense because of the Japanese text. Well, help is at hand in the form of these MEAN MACHINES tips!



IN THE BEGINNING

You start the game with two robots: the A-type and D-type. There is no difference between the two to start with, but after each successful campaign each type is fitted with a new, individual weapon. Later levels provide you with new robots which include the eponymous F91!

Select your robot with the control pad. Press button A to confirm selection. Press button B to clear the screen. Now just press start!



PICK YOUR TARGET

The main map section provides information as to the location of enemy robots. By moving your robot into contact with an enemy activates the combat section. If you win the combat section you return to the main map to select another target. When all enemy positions are destroyed you proceed to the next campaign. If after a combat section you are badly damaged return to the main ship and select your other robot.



To move your robot around the map move the red marker over the robot and press button A. Now move the marker to the desired locale and press button A to complete your move.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

To complete each campaign you must defeat squadrons of enemy robots that are overwhelming your defenses. A squadron consists of three to four robots made up from the seven different models available. Identify each robot and destroy the more advanced models first.



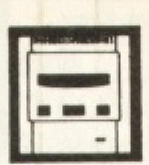












WEAPONS ENERGY

This yellow bar represents the remaining energy for engines and weapons. Too many wasted shots drain energy fast. If the bar reaches the bottom you run out of fuel and are left to drift about space forever! Game over!

MAIN VIEWING SCREEN

This screen presents the battle to the player. You are able to see whether your attack's are successful or not. You are also able to see your enemy attacking!

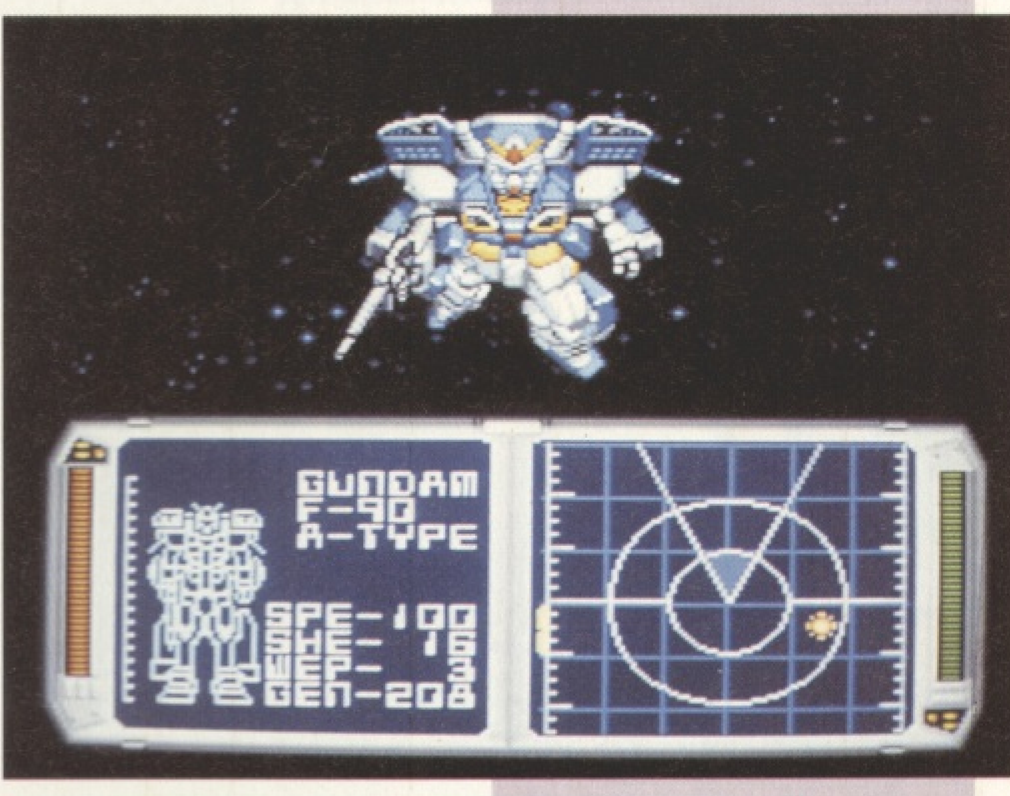
RADAR DISPLAY

This display shows the position of enemy units in the vicinity. Using the control pad you manoeuvre the enemy units (the yellow dots) into the target area (the triangular section). The target area is divided into three sections. These sections represent the most effective areas for using short, middle and long-range weapons. For example, if you plan to use the long range laser cannon, an enemy unit must be manoeuvred into the top section to be effective. Laser cannons are less effective in middle range and pretty hopeless in short range.

LIFE METER

The green bar represents how much damage your robot can take. If the bar reaches the bottom it's game over!





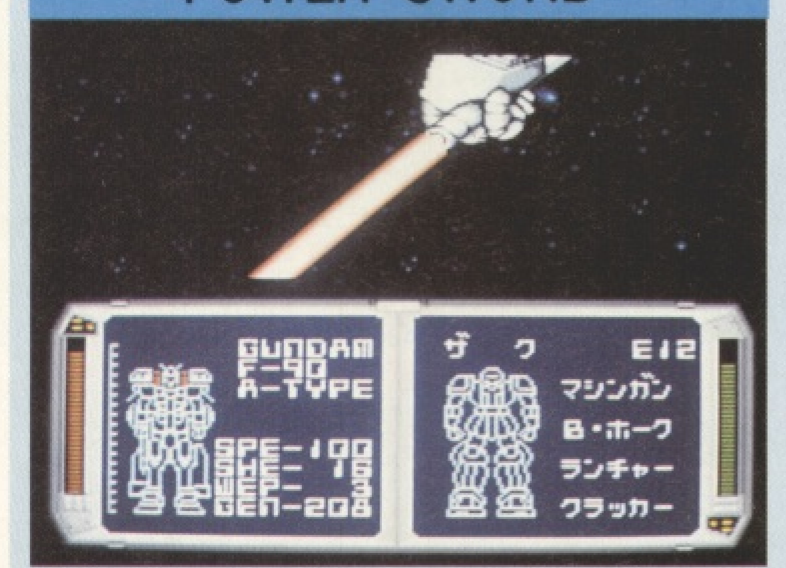
SYSTEMS

This diagram is used to select weapons for combat. when in attack mode use the control pad to run through weapons available. When you select a weapon (shown in red) press button A to operate.

GUNS AND ROSES

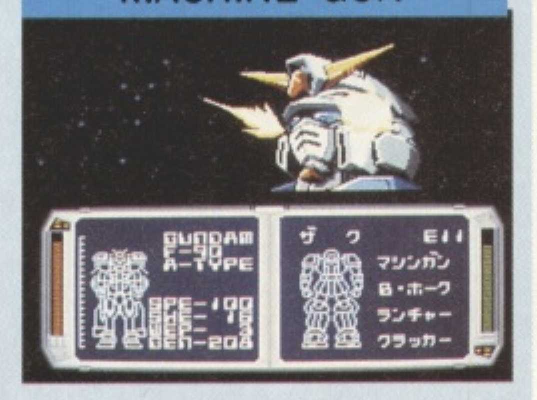
You start the game with three weapons. Each weapon is designed to be effective for a specific range. After a successful range, your robot is fitted with a new weapon.

POWER SWORD



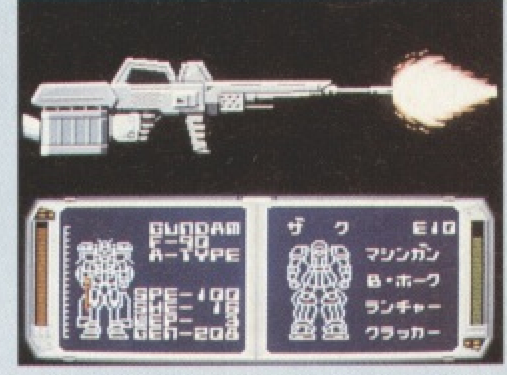
A powerful handheld weapon that causes lots of damage but you must be close to the enemy for any decent effect.

MACHINE GUN

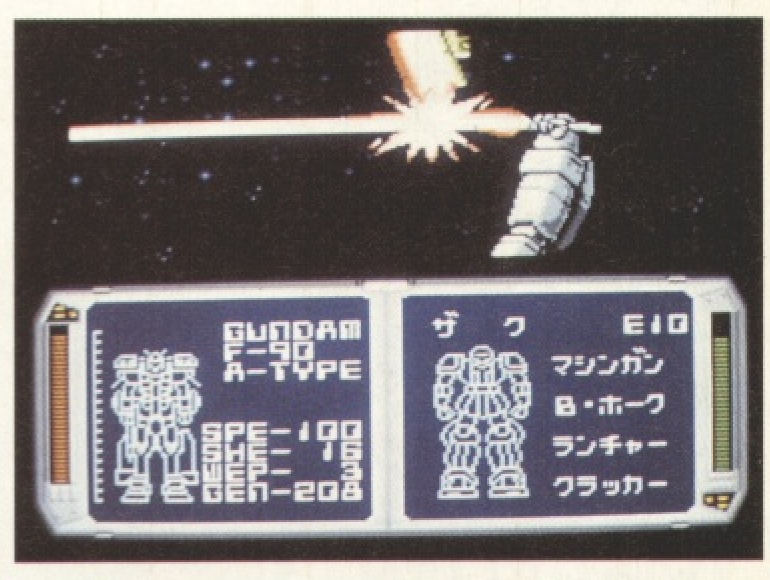


A weapon that's not that deadly, but doesn't use up much energy. Most effective at the top end of the middle section.

LASER CANNON

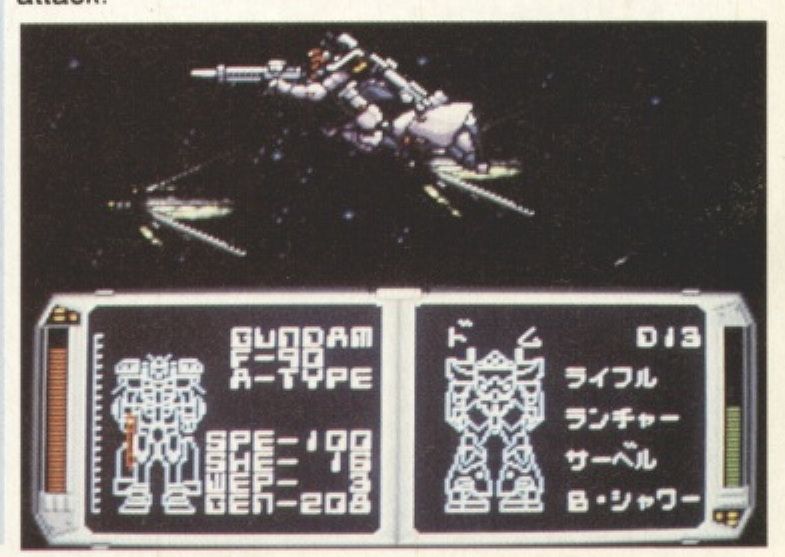


A devastating weapons that kills with one shot but eats up your energy like there's no tomorrow!

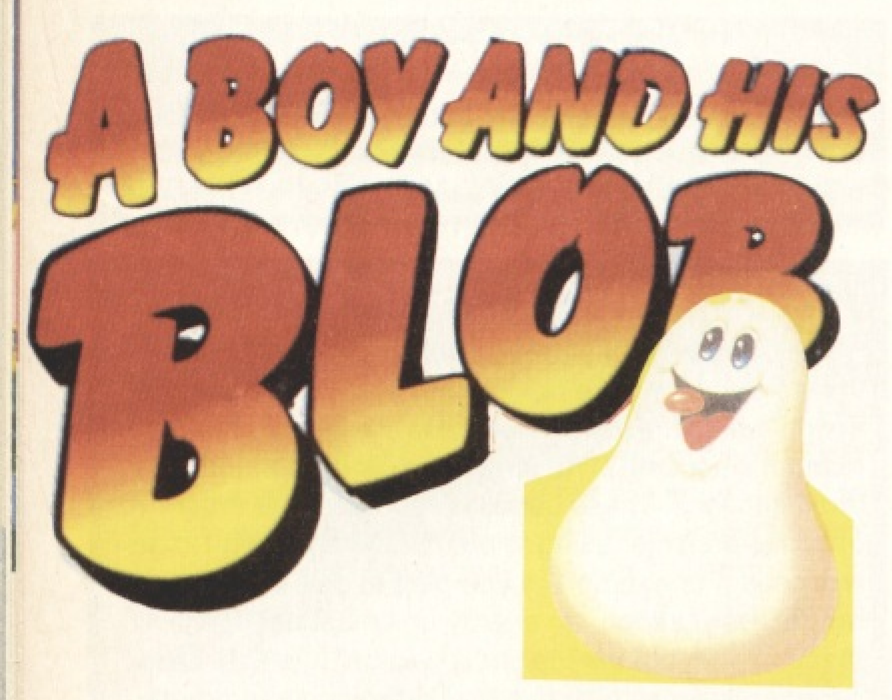


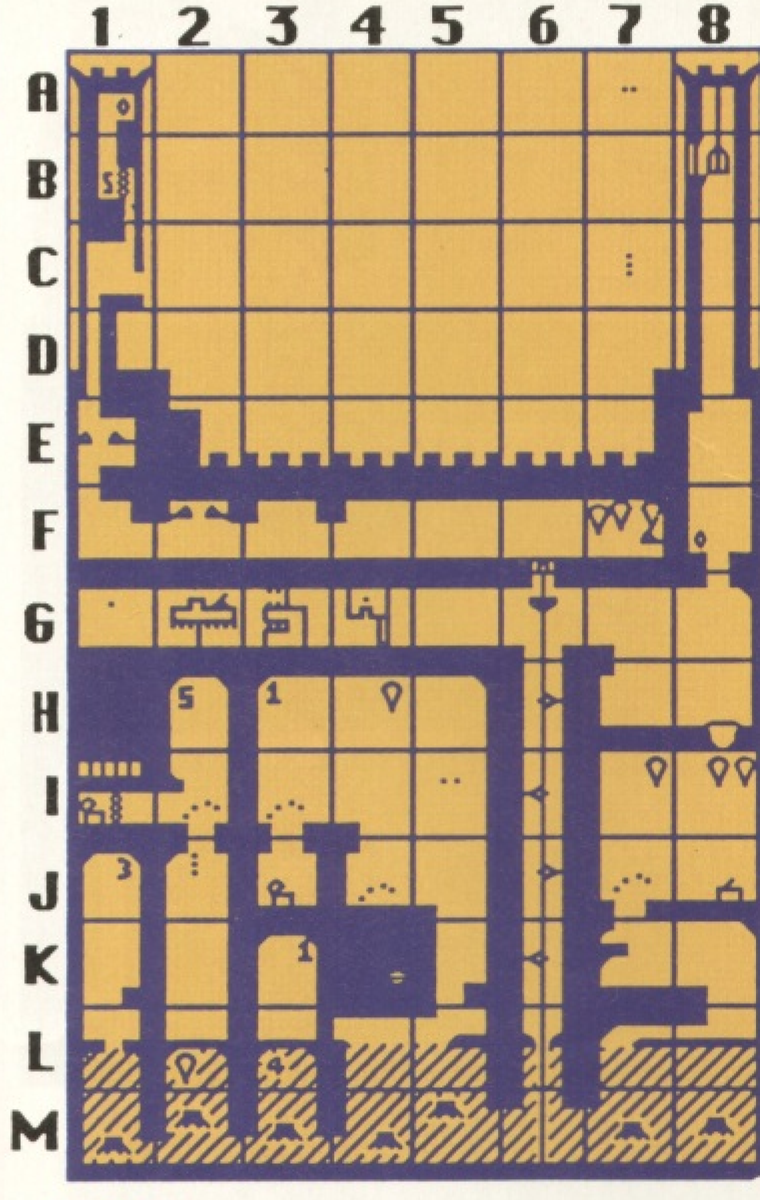
ON THE DEFENSE

Enemy units have a variety of weapons with which to attack. When your radar announces an enemy attack, your viewing screen tells you which weapon you should defend against. Pressing the directional pad in one of four directions enables you to avoid attack.









David Barret from Barnet sent in loads of tips and this very amazing map for your delectation.

LICORICE: This turns Blob into a ladder which is used to reach low platforms. The advantage is that Blob can follow you up.

STRAWBERRY: Blob is turned into a bridge that can be used to plug gaps.

COCONUT: Blob is changes into a coconut, which is used in room 2,G. Throw the coconut at the lever.

COLA: This bubble protects you from falls and enables you to breathe underwater.

BANANA: Turns Blob into a monkey wrench. Use this in room 3,G.

APPLE: This flavour jellybean turns Blob into a jack which is used under the hole in room 4,G in order to open the door.

VANILLA: The Blob becomes an umbrella which allows you to fall long distances.

TANGERINE: Blob becomes a trampoline. Bounce on this to jump very high up.

ROOT BEER: Root Beer beans turn Blob into a handy interstellar rocket!

HONEY: Blob changes into a hummingbird, which allows him to join you on higher platforms.

KETCHUP: If Blob's left behind, he'll suddenly appear next to you!

PUNCH: A hole is created that the boy can fall through.

LIME: Use this jellybean to turn Blob into a key, which is used to open a door. It is also useful to place Blob where you want him.

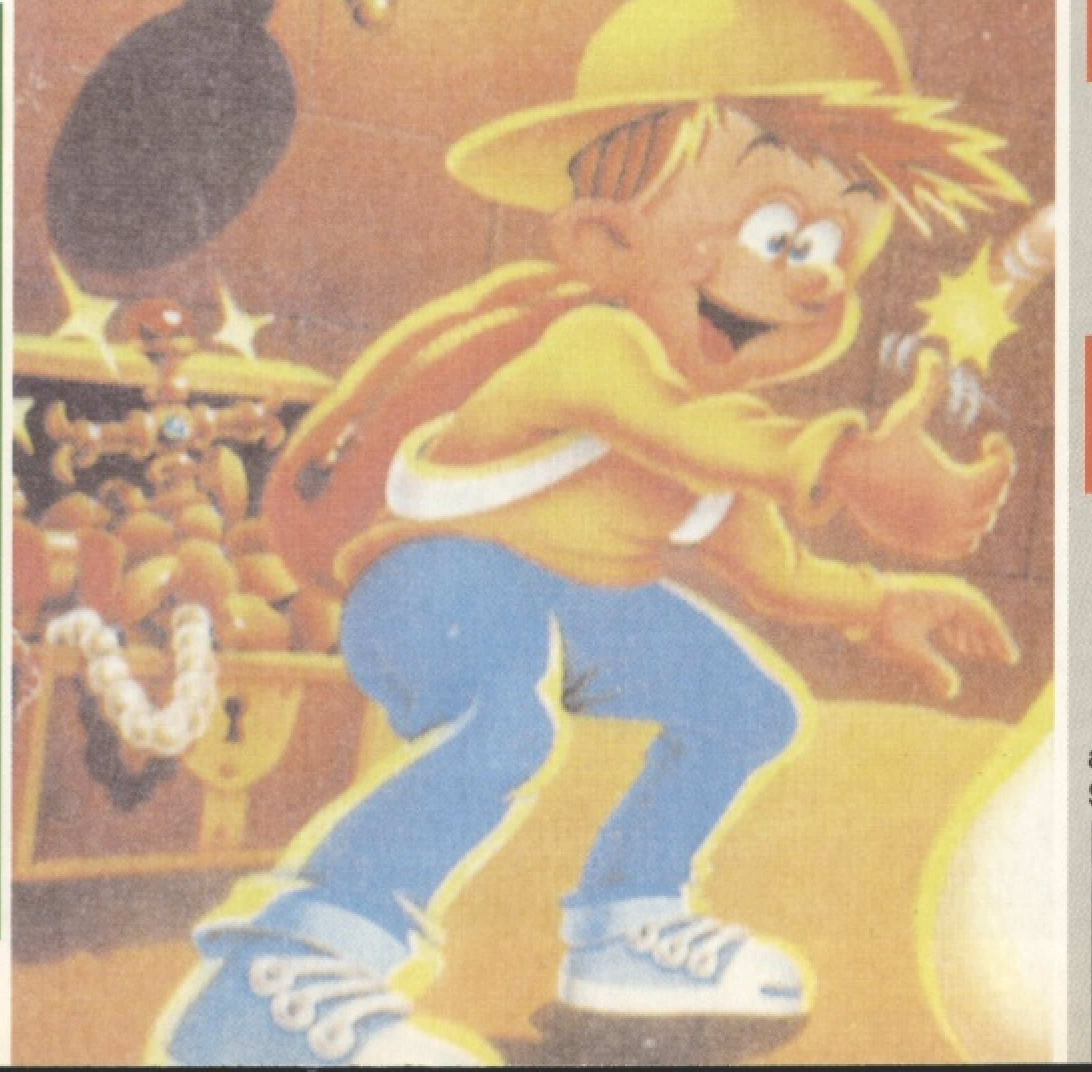
MINT: Blob turns into ice, which can be thrown at flames or vats. Be warned thouah, for it upsets the poor Blob somewhat.

DAEDALIAN OPUS

Enter the word **ZEAL** as the password to try out any level! Thanks to Jake Smith from Liverpool.

BUBBLE BOBBLE

This is quite an entertaining version of the popular Taito game, but if you think it's a tad easy, try this out. Enter your pass code as usual, but where you see an L in the code, substitute it for a T! Thanks to Jake Smith from Liverpool.



GAME GEAR

Ingemar Hjelmstad from Sweden also sent in the complete Game Gear tips section that you see before you. Check it out!

GG SHINOBI

The best game on the Game Gear? Very probably. It's also got some of the best music you'll hear on the sonically deficient machine, so this sound test might come in handy. On the title screen, press A and B down together along with START and you'll instantly be transported to that groovy muzak menu!





REVENGE OF DRANCON

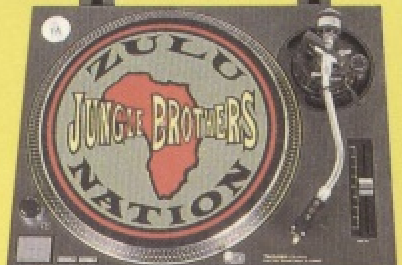
To get a round select option, simply push down on the D-pad and press START. Now press UP to select rounds! But make sure you do all this on the title screen, or it won't work!

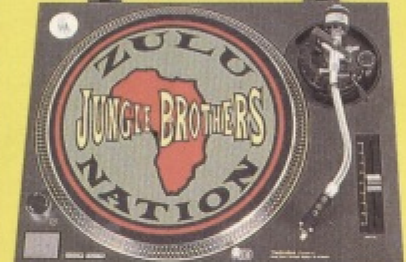
PSYCHIC WORLD

A truly grotesque effort of a game, but if by some terrible twist of fate, you've got a copy, you might want to try this cheat to get you a sound and stage select! On the title screen, hold down LEFT and UP with both buttons. Press START to reveal the menu.









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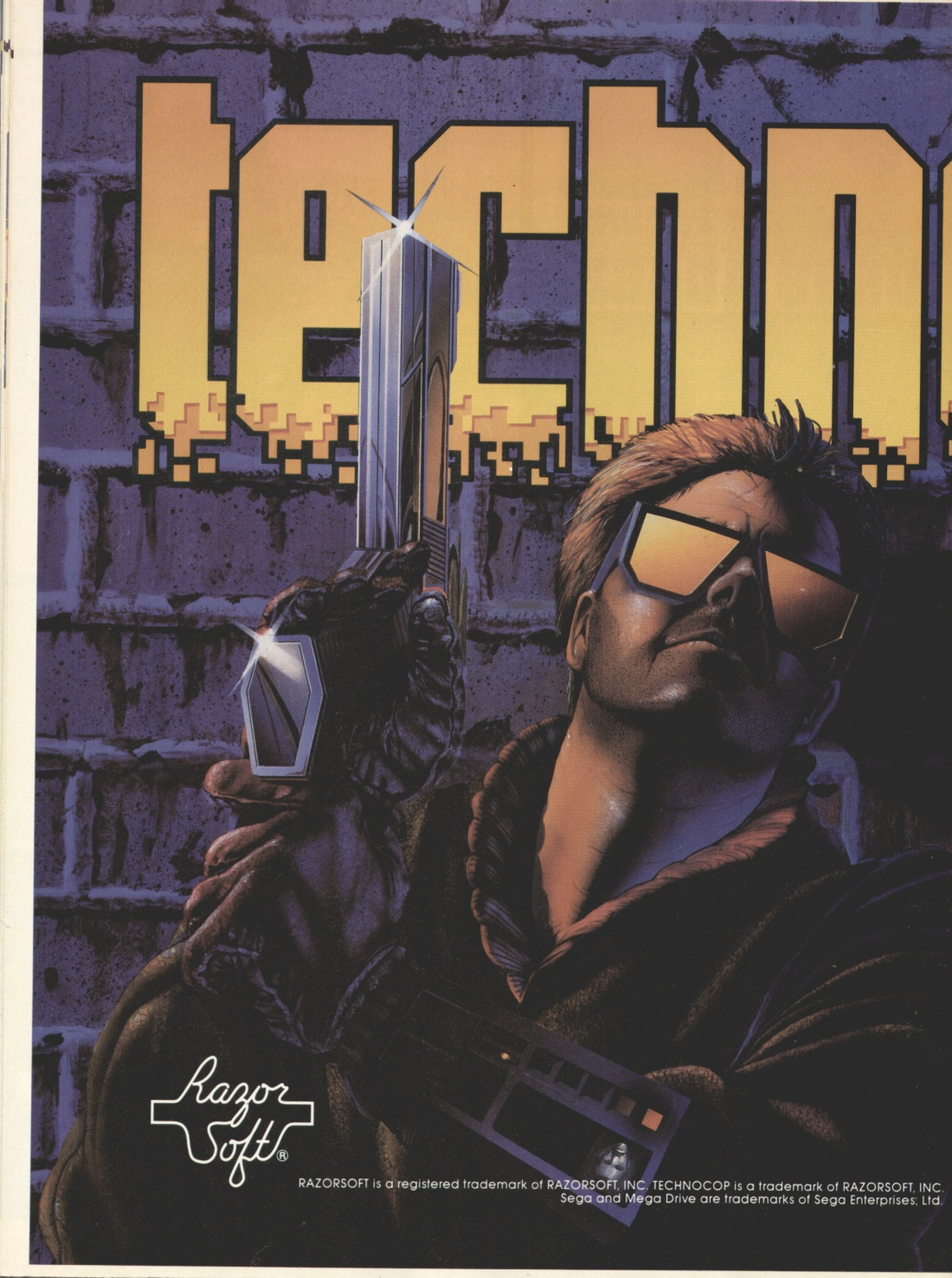
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ROAD RASH

In case you're wondering, a road rash isn't some kind of weirdo disease. It's the marks you get when you slide down the tarmac after coming off a motorbike at over 100 mph! And, as you might imagine, it's quite a painful experience. As you'll find out when you play Road Rash.

This motorbike racing game features five different tracks, and the object on each is very straightforward: beat the other 18 riders to the finishing post. Can't be simpler, eh? Well, things are made a little more complex by the fact that there are no rules - riders can crash into or even punch other riders in an attempt to knock them off their bikes. So it's a pretty violent high-speed free-for-all.

Add to that cars (Volvos we reckon) who travel the road driving towards you on the left and in the same direction as you on the right (this is America, don't forget) which can be crashed into all too easily and a highly annoying traffic cop who chases after you and pulls you over for speeding whenever he can, and life suddenly becomes more difficult.

If you manage to finish all five races, you progress to the next level, where cars are more numerous and riders even more maniacal. It's tough out there. But then life as a psychotic rider is never easy...







▲ *There goes one of your victims!*





▲ *Remember kids, there's nothing big or clever about riding a bike this way.*





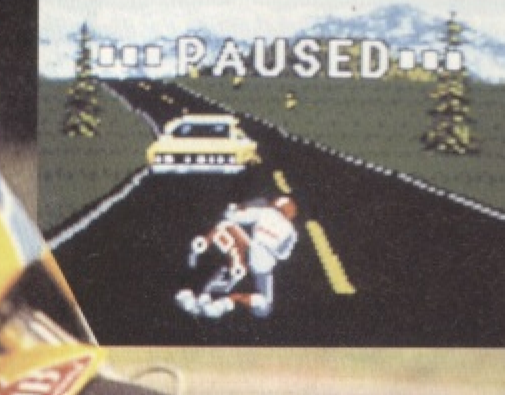
COMMENT



RICH

Road Rash combines all the thrills of high-speed racing with a fair dose of extreme violence - just my sort of game! The 3D graphics are excellent. Whizzing over the varied, graphically superb landscapes is made all the more enjoyable by the brilliant sound effects. The scream of the motorbike's engine is superb (as are the other biker's, in glorious stereo!). Rob Hubbard has provided some great music as well, which almost matches the effects for aural excitement! It's gameplay that counts though, and Road Rash more than delivers. You'll never believe that you just flew through the air at over 100 mph landing on the hapless corpse of a very unfortunate fellow rider! That's another thing that makes Road Rash so good. Everything vaguely unfortunate that can happen to you has an equal chance of happening to other riders! As road racers go, Road Rash is definitely the most action-packed and exciting offering to date.

▼ *Another road user's about to sample some motorbike-related abuse!*





BIKE-O-RAMA

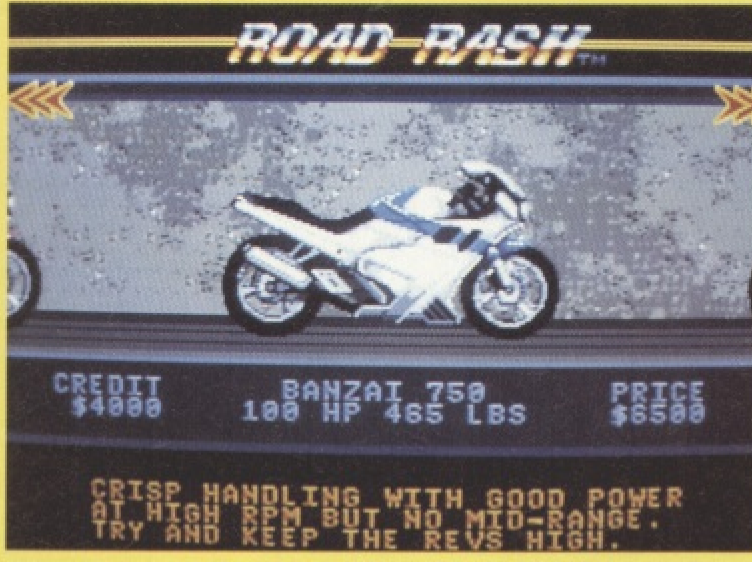
Come first, second or third in a race and you get cash which can be saved up and spent on a newer, more powerful bike. There are eight different bikes to buy; all have different power and handling characteristics



▲ *The bike you start with. Well revvy!*



▲ *A bit better than the first bike, but not really worth the money.*



▲ *A great bike that's excellent at high speed.*



▲ *Marginally more fun than the Panda.*



▲ *Tons of power at a not entirely unreasonable price.*



▲ *A superb handler, but not as powerful as the Shuriken.*



▲ *Incredible performance! But are you going to save your cash for the Diablo?*

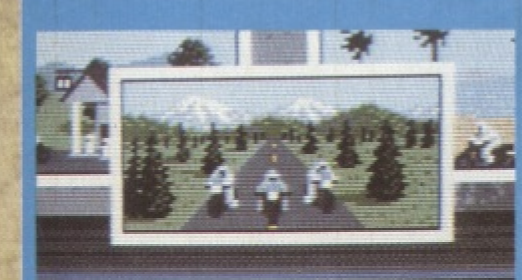


▲ *The Ferrari of motorbikes. Expensive, and goes as fast as it looks.*





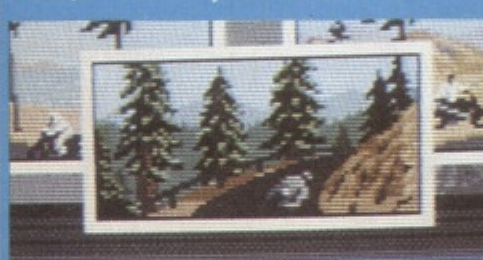
There are five roads to race down, and any one is selectable on the title screen.



The easiest track. Well, it's the one with the least sharp corners, and has only one hill where it's possible to take off and end up in the hedge. So just stay alert and keep the throttle wide open.



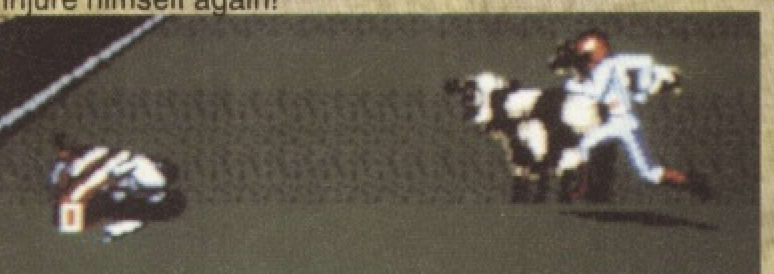
Lots of sweeping bends and rolling hills where you can build up your speed... connected by horrible sharp corners where it's all too easy to stack your bike.



Staying on the tight-twisting track is all-important here! There's no margin for error - one slip and you smash into one of the thousands of trees which line the road.

SLIDE YOUR MONKEY ASS!

If the bike has a bad collision with anything, the rider gets knocked off and he and the bike slide down the road (picking up a road rash no doubt!). Once the rider has recovered, he has to run back over to his bike and pick it up. Depending on how fast the rider was travelling and how far he was thrown down the road, it's sometimes a very long run and much time is wasted as he sprints back up the road to find his bike. Oh, by the way. When the rider is running for his bike, make sure he doesn't run down the middle of the road or he might just get hit by a car or another rider and injure himself again!



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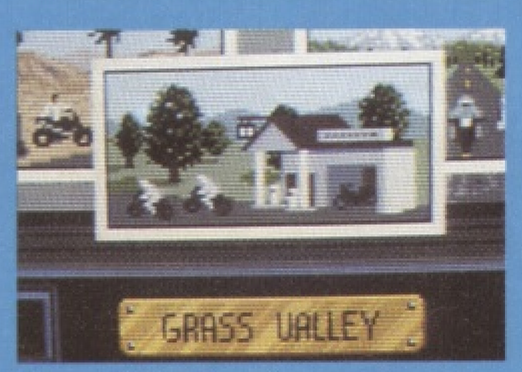
JULIAN

Wahey! Motorbikes, irresponsible road behaviour and loads of foul play! Ingredients guaranteed to bring a grin to my weathered chops!! And Road Rash combines all them to produce a truly thrilling racing game which really sets your pulse racing! The utterly convincing 3D graphics are incredibly speedy, and the road twists and turns over the stomach-churningly realistic hills. Razor sharp reflexes are required to ensure you don't hurtle nose-first into a hedge, fly uncontrollably off the top of a hill and crash into a tree or smash into an oncoming car! Don't be put off by the fact that there are only five tracks; they're all pretty long and get very tough on later levels, with loads of manic riders and mad drivers. And don't forget that there are eight new bikes to save up for! If, like me, you're a speed psycho looking for sheer out-and-out adrenalin-surging action, this is the ultimate ride.

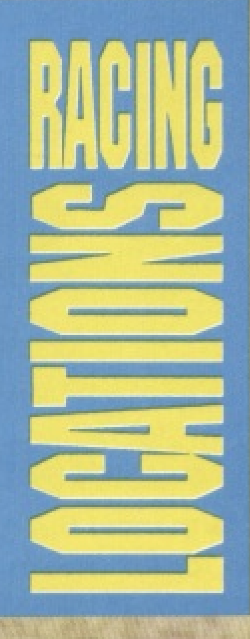
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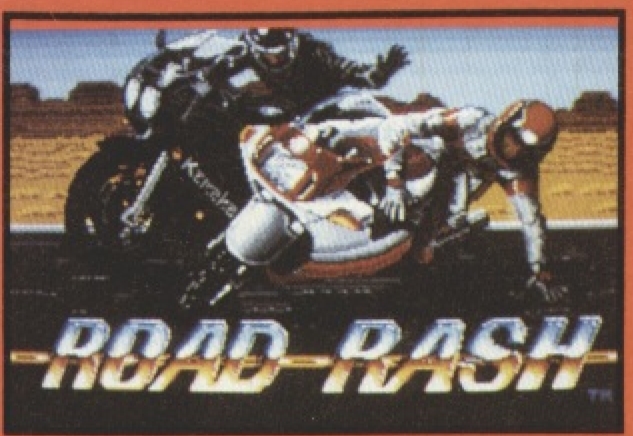


This long and winding track is very hilly and has a lot of long bends which tighten up near their exit, resulting in you ending up on the wrong side of the road. Watch the road signs and be careful out there.



Grass Valley has the worst features of all the tracks. Up-and-down hills, twisting corners, ever tightening bends and awkward chicanes. This'll test your riding abilities.



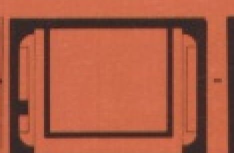


BY: EA

PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 1
CONTINUES: UNLIMITED
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: VERY QUICK







PRESENTATION 91%

Superb in-game presentation, with brilliant stills and easy-to-use menus.

GRAPHICS 92%

The 3D update is very fast and totally convincing - make sure you take travel sickness pills before playing!

SOUND 92%

There's a choice between excellent heavy metal-style tunes and superb sound effects.

PLAYABILITY 93%

Getting into this is as easy as riding a bike...

LASTABILITY 87%

...but the riders on the other bikes make this a tough and challenging game for any speed demon.

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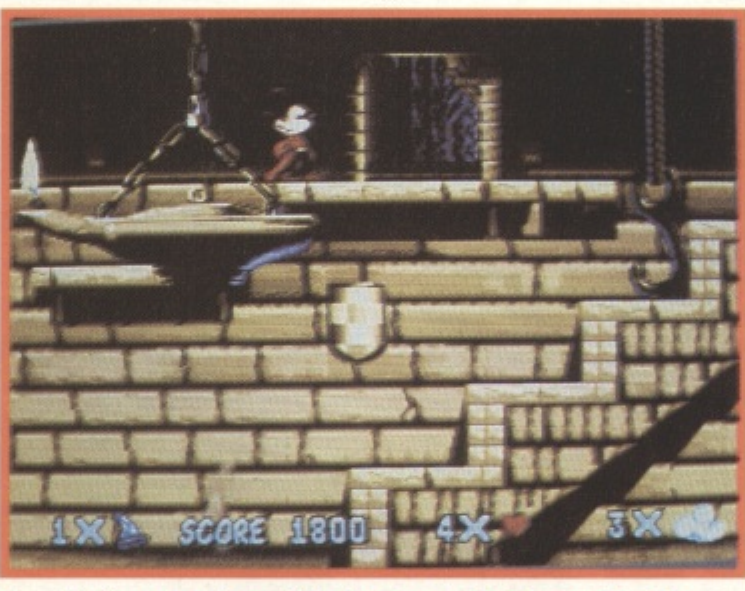
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FANTASIA

That mouse is back! Mickey Mouse, the geriatric Disney rodent returns to our Megadrives in a 16-bit translation of the classic Fantasia movie!

Some evil bleeder has gone and pinched the Master Sorcerer's music while his apprentice (aka Mickey Mouse) was asleep. Mickey's obviously a tad worried and faces the wrath of the Master Sorcerer if he doesn't retrieve the lost notes. So, using his special magical powers, Mickey whisks himself off into a dream where he does battle with the likes of possessed magic mushrooms, mobile broomsticks and evil toads intent on sealing the cheese nibbler's doom.

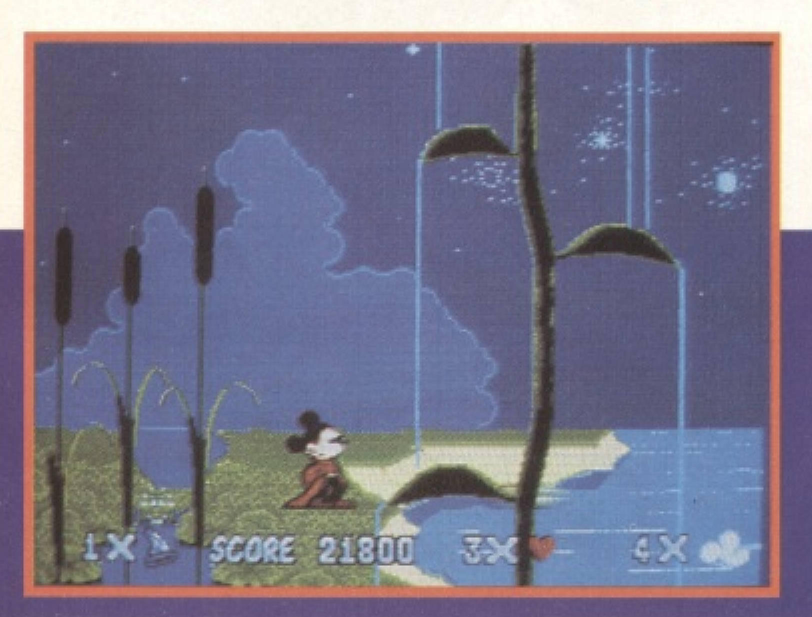
Mickey's task is to scour the levels, finding the missing musical notes and escaping before his energy level is worn down to nothing.



▲ *Mickey looks a bit depressed, doesn't he?*



▲ *Mickey pauses to take in the scenery.*



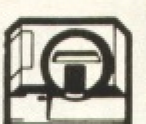


MAGIC MISSILES

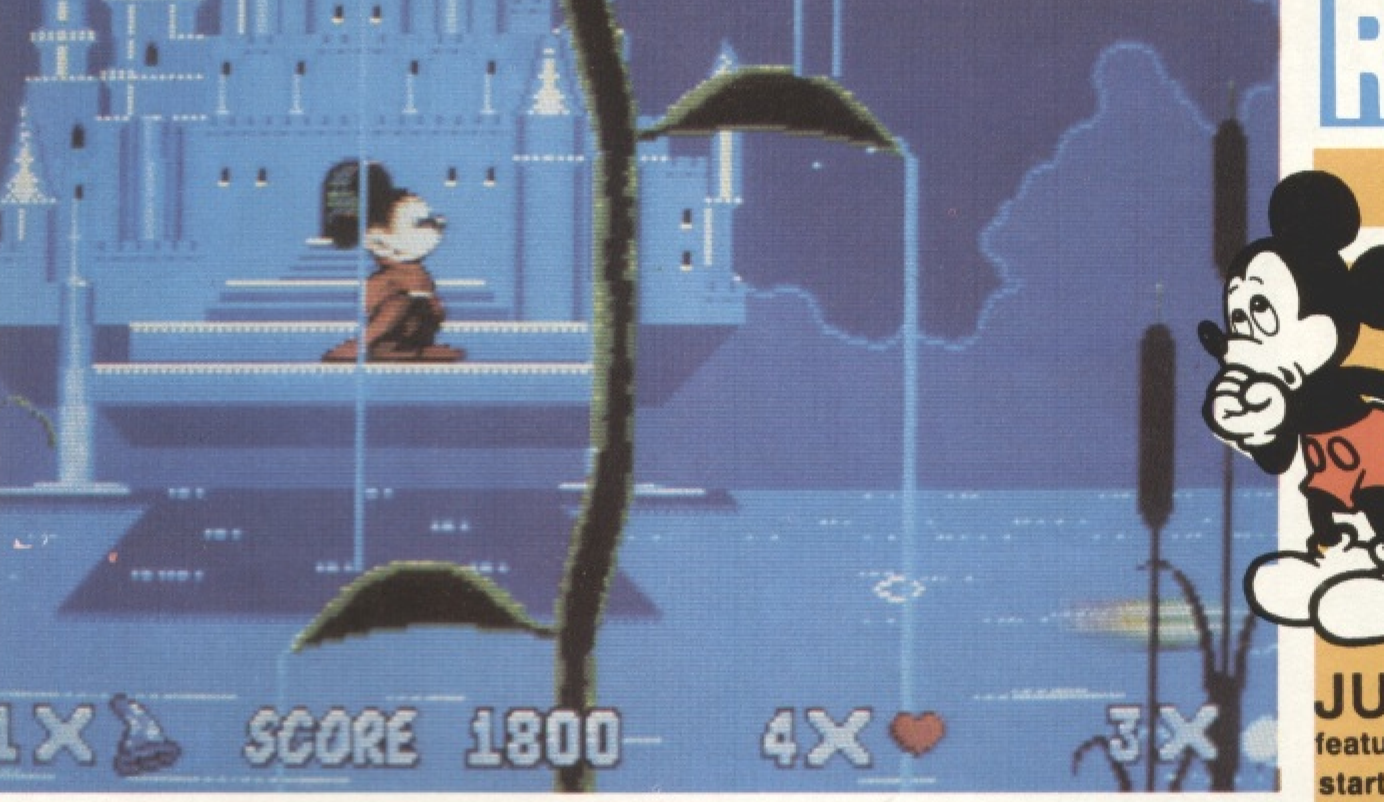
Magical books fly around, and the Sorcerer's Apprentice can scoop these up and use their magical powers against the evil sprites that are out to get him. Two types of magical blast are on offer. A small blast only takes up one unit of magical power and dispatches the weedier enemies, whilst a big blast does away with the larger enemies but is a bit more costly on the magical energy meter.

MICKEY'S SKINNY-DIPPING

Fans of the Castle of Illusion will remember that in one stage, Mickey swims through a colossal cup of tea! A similar stage is evident in Fantasia. A whirlpool guarded by a fairy leads the way to an underwater level, where more energy and bonus points are waiting!







COMMENT

JULIAN

To look at, Fantasia seems as good as Mickey Mouse, with excellent sprites and gorgeous backdrops. Indeed, after playing it briefly when it was on display at the CES Show in Chicago, I thought it was a real winner. However, after finally getting the chance to play it properly, I quickly discovered its beauty is only skin deep. The gameplay is badly flawed and there are several highly annoying features that make the action frustrating. For a start, the collision detection is very tight - Mickey loses energy even when it looks like he's cleared a baddie! The magic controls are very sluggish - you press the fire button and there's a horrible pause before Mickey shoots... and if a baddie is close by or moving towards you fast, you just can't avoid being hit. That might be frustrating, but worse still are the completely unavoidable and very sly hazards the programmers have put into the game. Platforms drop, baddies pop up out of nowhere or change direction without warning, things fly on-screen giving you no chance to avoid them... aaagh! I like a challenge, but when you're given absolutely no chance and are forced to memorize and anticipate hazards and traps before they happen, playing becomes a chore. The final straw is that the game is absolutely the same every time you play, with things appearing in the same place at the same time. It's all too linear, with no freedom of movement like the previous Mickey game, and the constant routine of doing exactly the same thing game after game after game doesn't take long to get tedious. It just doesn't have that great feeling of exploration, and certainly doesn't have the variety of the original game. If you're a Mickey Mouse fan and like the look of this, make sure you give the game a very thorough playtesting. It might look as good as the original, but it most certainly doesn't play anything like it, and I think that many Mickey fans will be very, very disappointed. I know I am.



▲ Sexy scenery, eh?



▲ An evil menace lurks just around the corner!



▲ Mickey struts around level 1-2!

NOTES OF MISERY



The object of each level is to find the hidden notes. But be careful, because if you don't find enough notes by the time you reach the end of the level (and that means battling through three sub-levels) you're sent back to the beginning to start again! This is incredibly annoying - so keep an eye out for those notes and don't miss them. At the end of the level, to show you how close you got, a scale appears at the top of the screen and fills in the notes you collected



▲ Forty winks with the Disney rodent.



SPOT THE SPRITES

As you can see from the screenshots, most of the enemy sprites are taken directly from the classic Disney film! These include the likes of dancing broomsticks, little mushrooms and prehistoric birds. Each level is based on a scene from the film - there's Water World, Earth World, Air World and Fire World.



▲ Mickey's left alone in the castle.



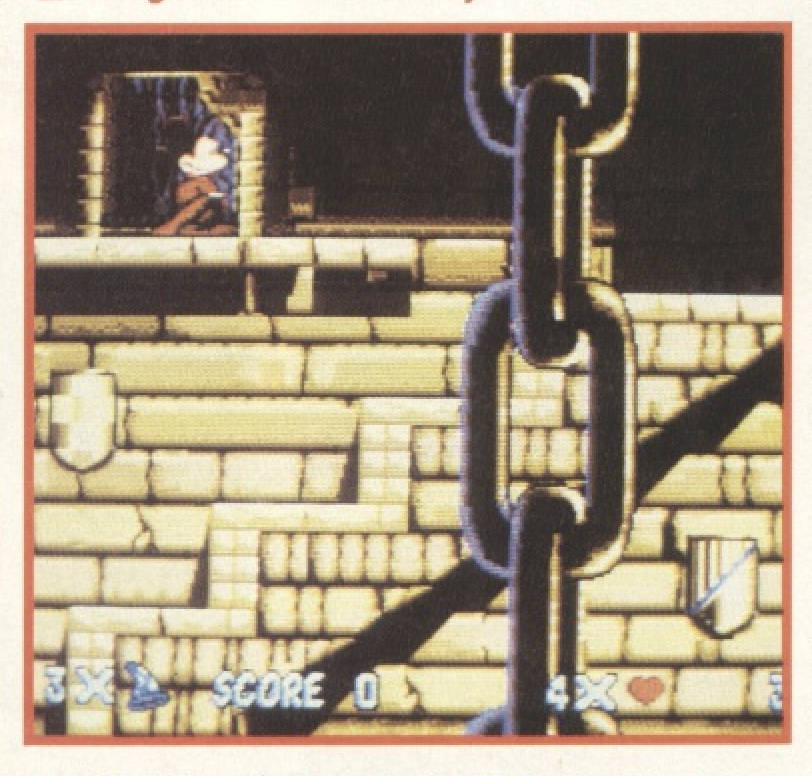
▲ Magic lamps ahoy!



▲ Watch out for that enemy sprite, Mickey!



▲ Alligators take the Mickey.



▲ Just a few screens to the end of the level!

COMMENT



RICH

Well, I came, I saw and I left the MEAN MACHINES games room a gibbering wreck! Although this effort has excellent graphics, the gameplay is *incredibly* frustrating! I'm talking collision detection that's about as effective as a broken pencil, crippled controls with a sluggish response time and a grotesque lack of decent restart points! The gameplay is just so annoying, I recommend you keep all sharp or pain-inflicting items away from the Megadrive, because after a while you'll be very tempted to make use of them - on either yourself or the cartridge! I cannot stress how wound up Fantasia made me feel after an hour's play - surely games are supposed to relax, or perhaps even entertain? Just forget about Fantasia, for the sake of both your bank balance and your mental health.

Fantasia

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PRICE: £39.99
RELEASE DATE: NOW
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 3
CONTINUES: 3
SKILL LEVELS: 3
RESPONSIVENESS: SLUGGISH







PRESENTATION 92%

Excellent backdrops and some great sprites.

GRAPHICS 89%

Brilliant Disney-style presentation screens create a great atmosphere.

SOUND 54%

Annoying tunes that fuel your frustration level immensely.

PLAYABILITY 61%

Arrrrgghhh! Fantasia's many gameplay flaws result in frustration as soon as you start playing!

LASTABILITY 56%

It's tough - but there are so many annoying features that many will be put off before they complete the game.

OVERALL 61%

Lovely graphics let down by totally dreadful playability. Even the biggest Mickey fans might be disappointed.

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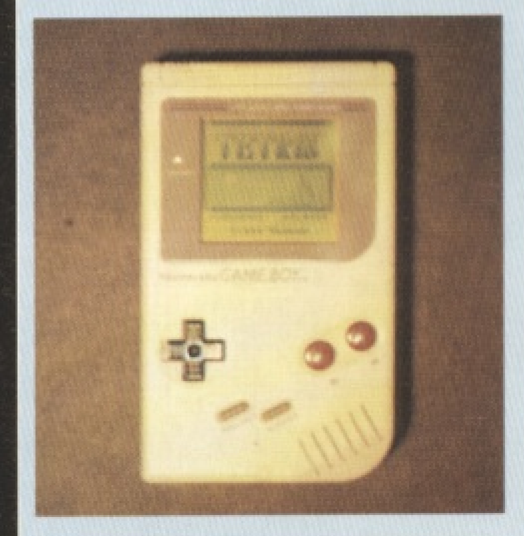
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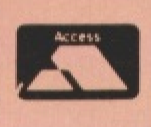
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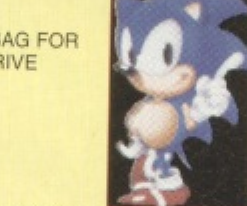


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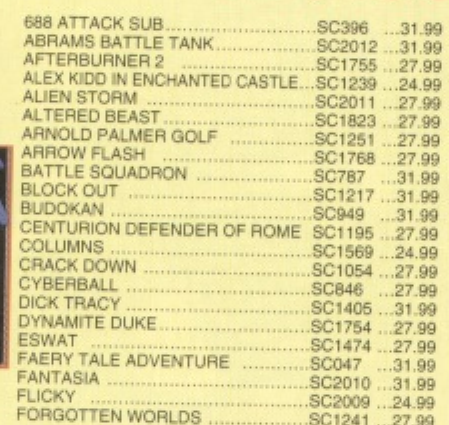
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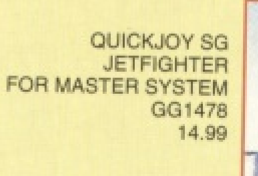


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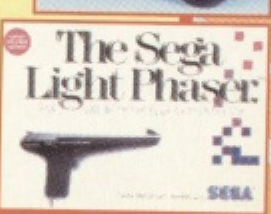




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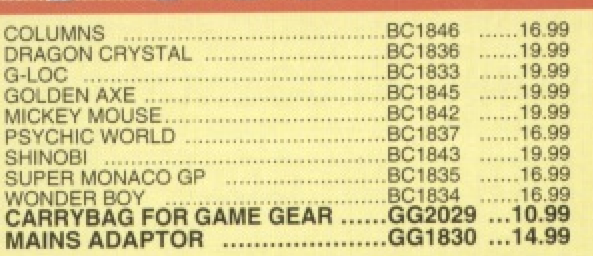
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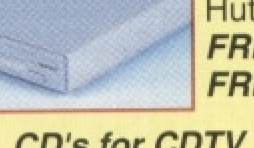
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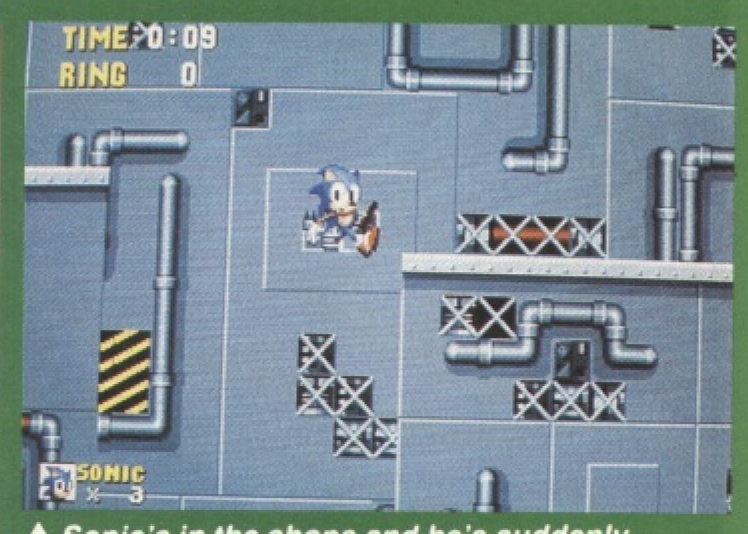
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TOP 10 CHARTS



		MEGADRIVE
1	NE	SONIC HEDGEHOG
2	▲	PGA TOUR GOLF
3	▼	AFTERBURNER II
4	◀	JM'S FOOTBALL
5	NE	BLOCKOUT
6	▼	SHADOW DANCER
7	▲	GOLDEN AXE
8	▲	SUPER MONACO GP
9	◀	JAMES POND
10	NE	"BUSTER"DOUGLAS



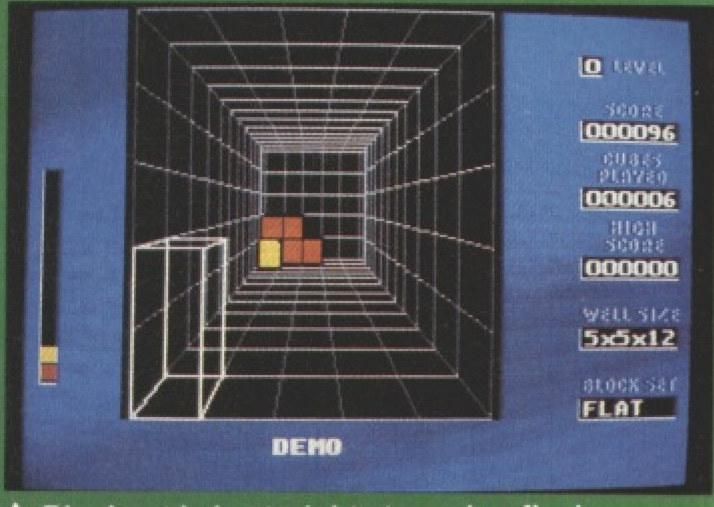
▲ *Sonic's in the shops and he's suddenly hit the top slot.*



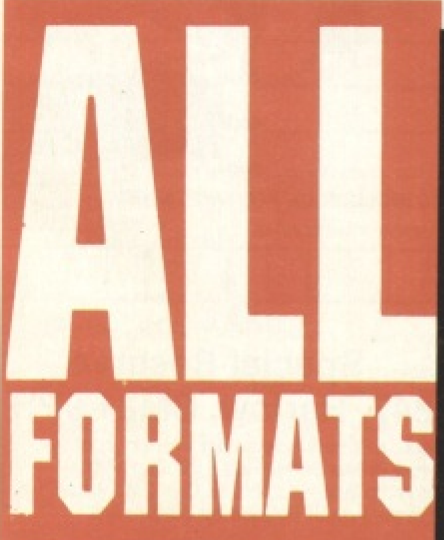
▲ *James "Buster" Douglas arrives in the chart.*

MEGADRIVE

Sonic's been selling like something that sells very quickly, as the chart indicates! The question is, how long will the bizarre hedgehog creature stay at the top? PGA Tour Golf continues to sell well, and James "Buster" Douglas Boxing appears at the chart's lower end.



▲ *Blockout is in straight at number five!*



		GAMEBOY
1	◀	SUPER MARIOLAND
2	◀	DOUBLE DRAGON
3	▲	SPIDERMAN
4	▼	GARGOYLE QUEST
5	NE	FORTRESS/FEAR

GAMEBOY

Revenge of the Gator slips out to be replaced by Wizards and Warriors. Spider-Man and Gargoyles Quest change places again, and, erm, that's about it! Mario remains at the top slot but Chessmaster's in the shops now and should be selling like hot cakes as we speak!

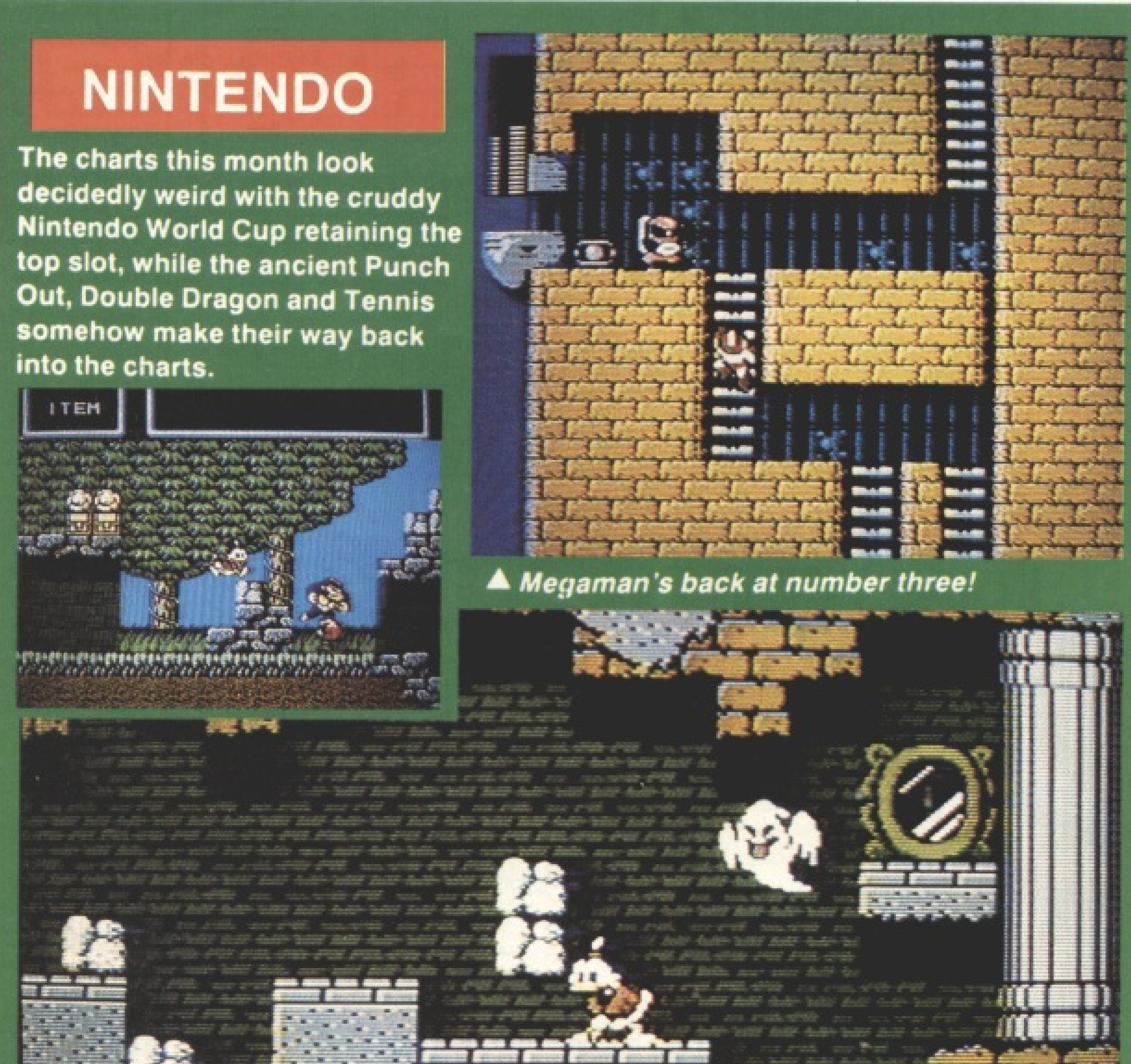




1	◀	WORLD CUP
2	◀	SUPER MARIO II
3	▲	MEGAMAN II
4	▼	GREMLINS II
5	RE	DOUBLE DRAGON
6	NE	TENNIS
7	▼	GAUNTLET II
8	▲	WORLD WRESTLING
9	RE	PUNCH OUT
10	▼	DUCK TALES

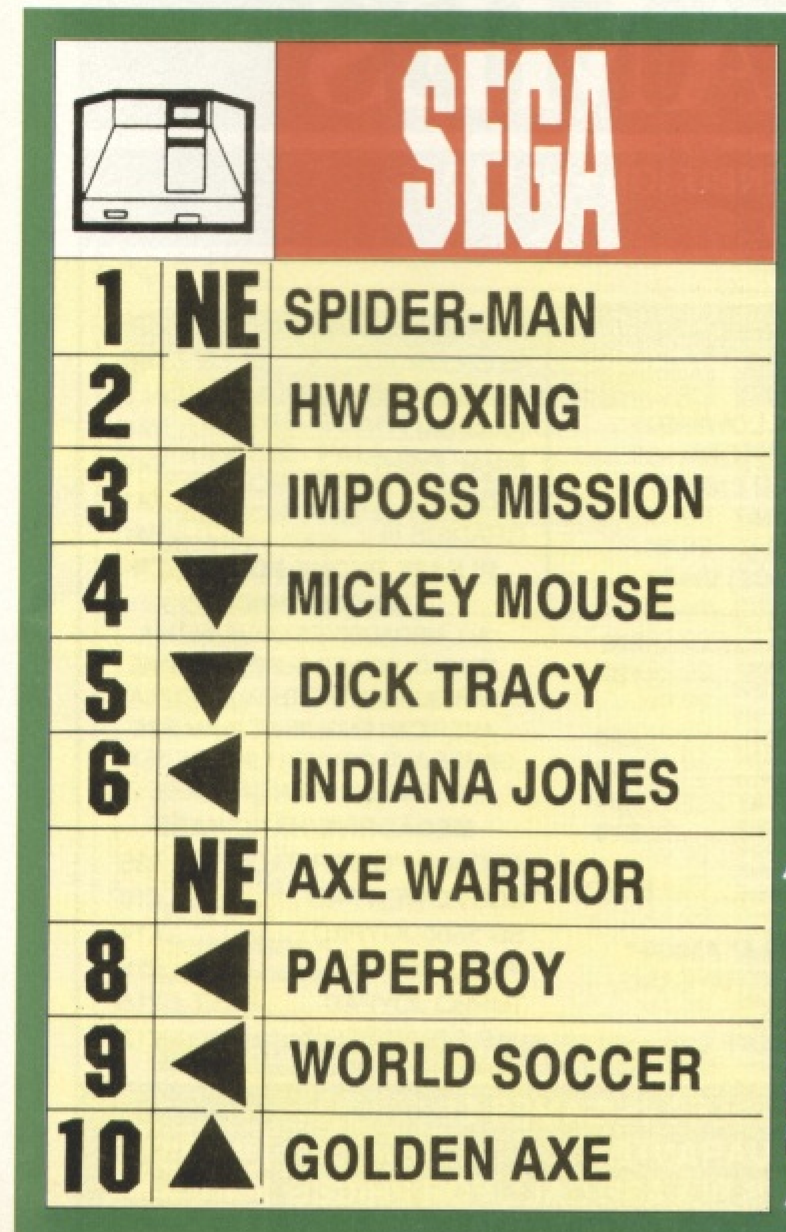
NINTENDO

The charts this month look decidedly weird with the cruddy Nintendo World Cup retaining the top slot, while the ancient Punch Out, Double Dragon and Tennis somehow make their way back into the charts.



▲ *Megaman's back at number three!*

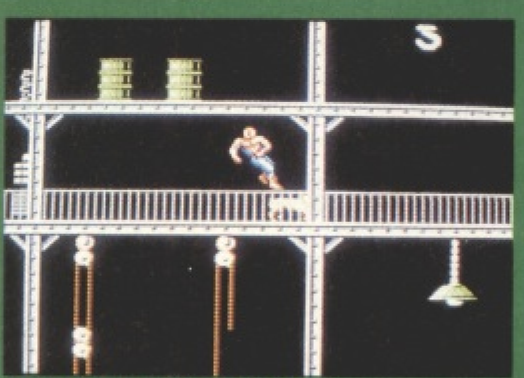
▲ *Duck Tales is hanging on at number ten!*



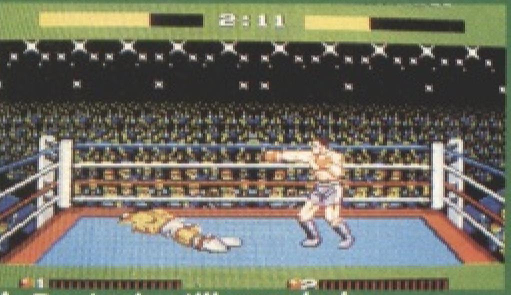
1	NE	SPIDER-MAN
2	◀	HW BOXING
3	◀	IMPOSS MISSION
4	▼	MICKEY MOUSE
5	▼	DICK TRACY
6	◀	INDIANA JONES
	NE	AXE WARRIOR
8	◀	PAPERBOY
9	◀	WORLD SOCCER
10	▲	GOLDEN AXE

SEGA

Spider-Man hits the top slot, and deservedly so, as it's the best Master System title to be released for many an eon! Unfortunately, the awful Golden Axe Warrior arrives at the chart's lower end. Hopefully it won't be there too long...



▲ *Spidey: number one!*



▲ *Boxing's still popular!*



▲ *The gross Golden Axe Warrior!*



▲ *Dick's still holding on at number five!*

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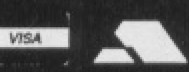
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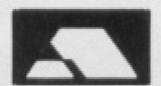


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REVIEW

At the tender age of fifteen, Peter Parker was bitten by a radioactive spider, which endowed him with the proportionate strength and agility of a spider! After being partly responsible for not saving his uncle's life, Peter Parker decided to dedicate his life to fighting crime - as the Amazing Spider-Man!

A few years have passed and the criminals have had enough of having their cunning schemes constantly foiled, and thanks to the Kingpin of Crime, they've hatched a dastardly plot to do away with the web-slinger, and gain control of the city of New York into the bargain!

The Kingpin's planted a massive atomic bomb somewhere in New York and it's going to explode in under 24 hours! What's more, he's managed to convince the good citizens that Spidey's responsible! Spidey's job is simple. Find The Kingpin and disarm the bomb, but Kingpin's recruited some of Spider-Man's worst enemies to put up a bit of a fight...





▲ In Central Park, Spidey kicks some monkey ass!

PHOTOS FOR CASH



Taking pictures of the end-of-level super villains enables Peter Parker to cash in on his powers. Any money made can then be used to top up on web fluid. $150 are awarded for any good pics of the likes of the Lizard, but watch out for Venom. A bonus $100 is available for a good pic of him (or rather, it).



SPIDER-MAN



SPIDEY'S HIT-LIST

DOCTOR OCTOPUS



Otto Octavius was a brilliant scientist, who majored in the atomic field. He devised his own octopus-like extra arms to handle radioactive materials. Unfortunately, one of his experiments exploded, and his arms were welded on to his body! Doc Ock is one of Spidey's oldest and most psychotic foes!

THE LIZARD



Doctor Curt Conners is a biology expert - with only one arm! Fascinated by the way lizards could grow back lost limbs, he injected himself with a lizard-derived serum. He got his arm back, but a minor side effect turned him into the Lizard, another villain who hates Spidey. Watch out for his powerful tail!

COMMENT

RICH

The Master System game was an excellent use of the Spidey license, but this Megadrive version is far, far superior. A special mention must go to the control method. It's very cumbersome to start with, but once you've got to grips with it, Spidey can be made to do all sorts of things, including massive leaps and amazing web-spinning. This comes into its own in the Lizard's domain, where there exists a huge open space where Spidey web-slings at speeds equal to Sonic at full throttle! The game difficulty levels are great too. On easy level, only a few of the levels are open to exploration. You have to play at NORMAL level to see the majority of the game, and it's very taxing. Infinite continues usually spoils a game, but here, you've still got the time limit to beat and you lose an hour or so for every continue used. For Spidey fans, as well as lovers of a decent platform game, it's an essential buy.

◄ *This fork-lift is successfully webbed up by the wall-crawler!*

ELECTRO



A lowly electrical engineer was struck full force by a massive charge of electricity whilst up a telegraph pole! The resulting villain, Electro, is capable of flying on a pad of electricity along with throwing massive sparks and charging up anything metal with potentially lethal electricity!

SANDMAN



Sandman is capable of changing himself into sand at will, which makes punching him very difficult indeed. He can also compact his mass, which makes his massive fists very hard (as well as very dangerous indeed). Sandman's hanging out in Central Park at the moment, and Spidey's death is high on his agenda!

HOBGOBLIN

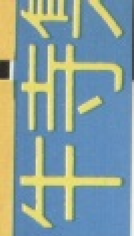
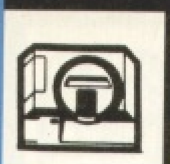


The Green Goblin may be history, but Hobgoblin's even more powerful! This mysterious masked being throws poisonous pumpkin bombs at Spider-Man, has the ability to fly on his rocket perch. He possesses super strength almost the equal of Spider-Man himself. A dangerous foe indeed.

THE KINGPIN



Wilson Fisk, alias the king of crime himself has been behind some of Spider-Man's closest scrapes with death, but he always keeps himself away from the action and hires out super villains to his dirty work. Maybe this time Spider-Man will get around to kicking his monkey ass well into next week.


COMMENT



JULIAN

Megadrive Spider-Man is similar in concept to the Master System version we reviewed last month, but has a much larger play area and vastly improved gameplay. It's basically a Shinobi-style game, but has plenty of new touches to keep your interest - I particularly like the way you can take "photos" during the game, and being able to return home and rest when energy is low is a novel twist. The control method is quite tricky to get used to, but once mastered, Spidey can do all manner of moves, from running across the ceiling to swinging around on his web at high speed. Graphically, Spider-Man is varied in quality. The large Spider-Man sprite is nicely drawn and animated and all the baddies are excellent, but the backdrops are rather bland and look a bit rough around the edges. Still, Spider-Man is a 'ery challenging game,

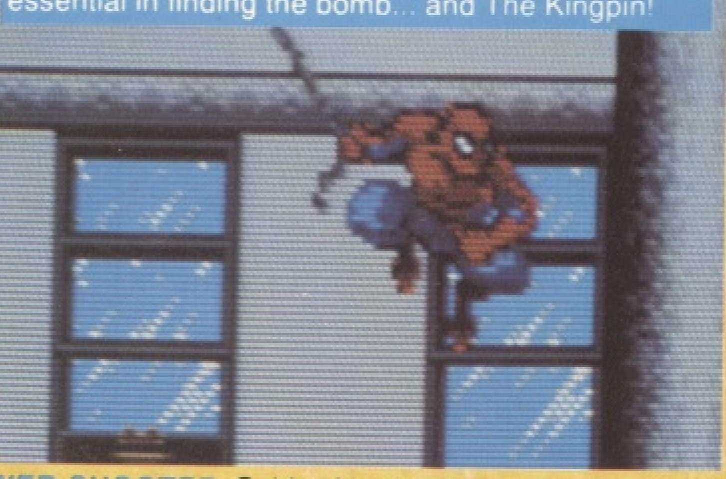
VENOM



Spider-Man's old black costume turned out to be a highly evolved alien symbiote that wanted to possess him! Thanks to the Fantastic Four the alien was captured, but it escaped and melded with Eddie Brock, a body-building journalist who hates Spider-Man! Together they are Venom, a being with exactly the same powers as Spidey - with even more muscle! Venom turns up throughout the game, but the final confrontation occurs near the end of the game!

SPIDER-MAN SUPER POWERS

All of Spider-Man's special powers have made it into this Megadrive game, and making full use of them is essential in finding the bomb... and The Kingpin!



WEB-SHOOTER: Spider-Man's highly adhesive webbing is used by the masked vigilante to swing around at high speed. It also comes in handy for webbing up any potential foes. Spidey can also spin himself a shield with which to absorb enemy fire!



WALL-CRAWLING: Spider-Man can stick to any surface at any angle, just like a spider. Scaling skyscrapers is a cinch, but when the walls are covered with slime (as in The Lizard's domain), things get a bit more complicated.



SPIDER SENSE: A tingling sensation warns Spider-Man of danger. This comes in the form enemy sprites just about to appear, or the approach of an end-of-level boss. Unfortunately, the Spider Sense is completely ineffectual against Venom, owing to his alien origins.



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ISOLATED WARRIOR

Our hero, Max Maverick, has a few problems. As well as severe body odour, bad breath and the urge to spin rather unconvincing yarns (that's why he's isolated, see), his little world is in the process of being taken over by evil, slimy creatures that are somehow even more grotesque, smelly and unappealing than him!

Max realises that the path back to social acceptability involves ridding the planet of the alien masses, and this generally involves travelling up the pseudo-3D landscape blasting all and sundry with a variety of weapons. Only when this done can Max have a bath, gurgle some mouth wash and rejoin his circle of friends.

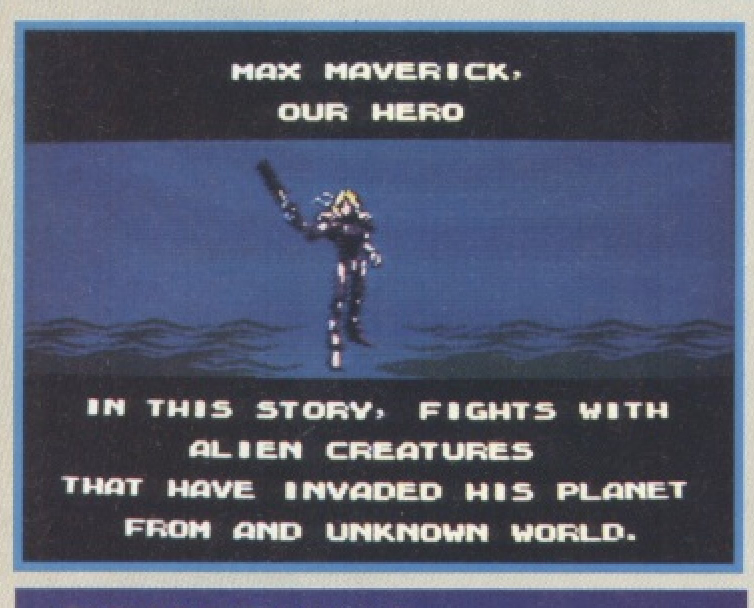
But Max isn't so good at the heroics of seeing off an alien invasion task force, and he's going to need your joypad alien-blasting skills!

COMMENT



RICH

Nintendo are releasing some very bizarre games. You'd think that with their huge catalogue of games in the US they'd be releasing the likes of NARC and Smash TV. But no, instead we get Isolated Warrior. Thankfully, obscure as the game may be, it isn't really that bad. The viewpoint works quite well and the blasting action is quite enjoyable and addictive. The graphics are pretty good and quite varied between the levels, and the sound isn't bad either. The only problem is that the game is quite easy and I can see hardened joypad warriors completing the game after a few days. Still, if you're new to shoot 'em ups, check this out.



SOMETHING POWERFUL BETWEEN THE LEGS

Sometimes blasting aliens on foot just isn't exciting enough for Max Maverick, so he decides to jump atop his trusty jet sled and carry on the xenomorph carnage. This doesn't actually add much to the gameplay; but what it does mean is that the blasting action is made that much faster!



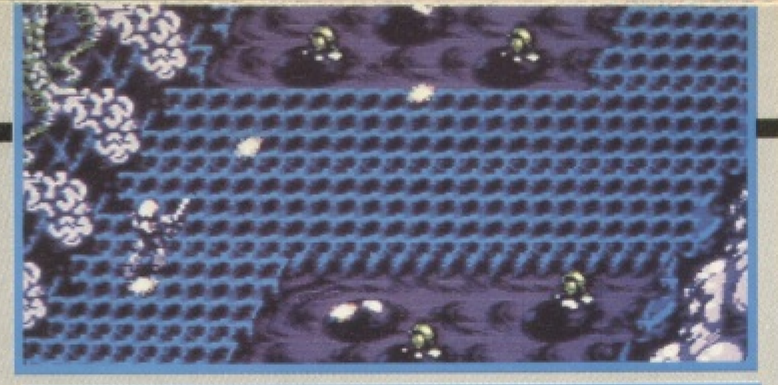
The going gets spooky for Max.

ISOLATED GUARDIANS

At the end of each level, the Isolated Warrior is confronted by a massive screen-high guardian! These range from a massive robot (armed with many probing (and painful) tentacles), a grotesque blob-like being (he's got tentacles too) and a massive brain-being that uses his head to deadly effect!

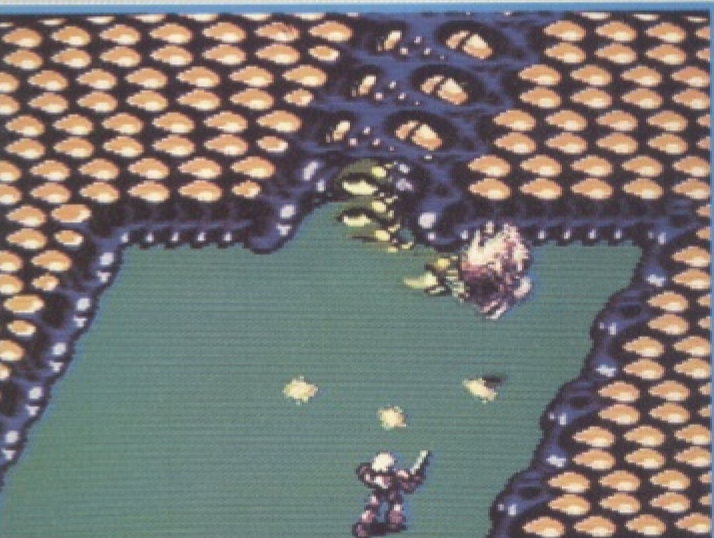


TED OR





▲ *The action's too fast and furious for the camera to capture!*



▲ *Blasting a path to the end of level one.*



▲ *Max has got the shield but he'd better watch out for those trenches!*

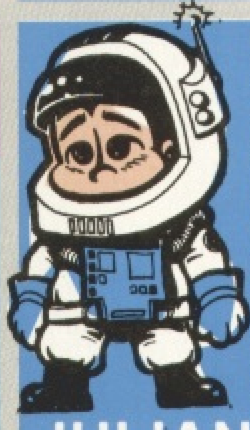
ISOLATED WEAPONRY

The Isolated Warrior picks up a number of special icons on the way to the end-of-level boss, and these endow the warrior with extra notches for his energy bar, and extra weaponry which is selected with the SELECT button. Weapons included in the game are the likes of high-power forward-firing photons, spread cannons, and front/rear lasers!

BONUS LEVELS!

Bonus levels are hidden throughout the game and are accessed by dropping bombs in the right place. Finding these levels is very useful as it enables you to top up on your energy and weapons.

COMMENT



JULIAN

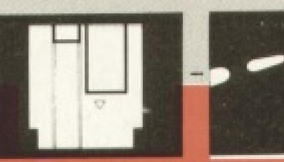
The unusual Zaxxon-style 3D angle, the fast and furious scrolling and the sheer amount of bad guys to blow into the middle of next week makes this an engrossing and entertaining shoot 'em up. The action is well addictive, and there's plenty of variety from level to level to stop you from getting bored. The only negative point is that the difficulty level isn't particularly high, and shoot 'em up aces might find themselves completing the game after a few days. So bear that in mind when you check this out.

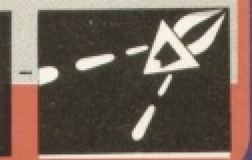


Isolated Warrior
▸NEW GAME
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BY: VAP
PRICE: £TBA
RELEASE DATE: TBA
GAME DIFFICULTY: EASY
LIVES: 3
CONTINUES: INFINITE
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: SMOOTH







PRESENTATION 81%

A rather boring attract sequence, but the game itself is well-presented.

GRAPHICS 88%

A nice range of colourful backdrops and sprites.

SOUND 77%

Pretty decent music and effects.

PLAYABILITY 82%

The game is easy to get into, and the action's addictive.

LASTABILITY 71%

Conquering the game isn't a massively difficult task.

OVERALL 80%

An entertaining and addictive NES shoot 'em up that's got plenty in it, but mightn't be hard enough for blasting experts.



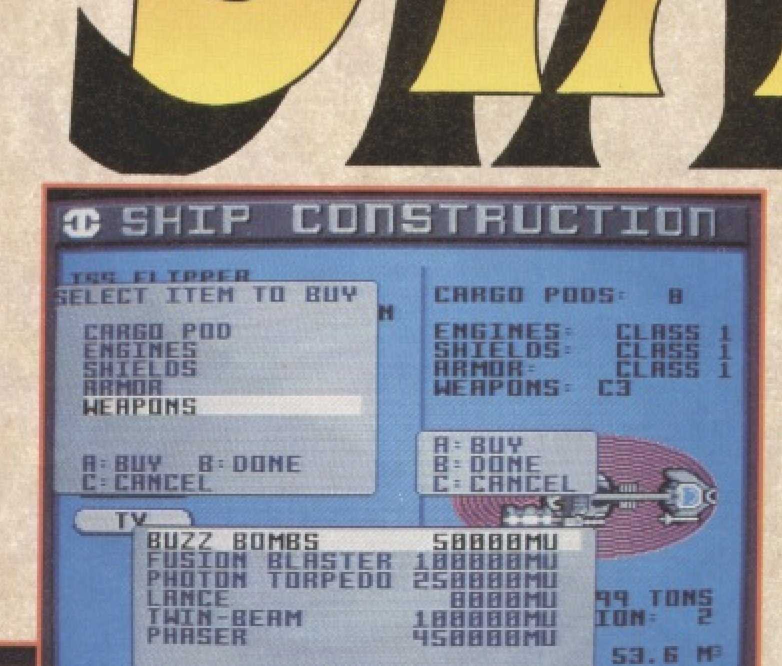
STAR

Stars don't usually have a habit of collapsing every five minutes, but that's exactly what's happening. The authorities of the planet Arth look on with slight bewilderment as the universe is slowly rid of countless civilisations. And then the Arth's sun begins to collapse, and Arth itself faces devastation because of deadly solar flares. Being a scientific genius, shooting ace, mining authority and best pilot in the cosmos, you're one of many who've been drafted in to find a solution to the problem, or failing that, find some new planets to colonise.

Unfortunately, the Arth authorities aren't making things easy for you. You have to earn a living in order to upgrade your ship to face the challenges ahead, and the only way to do that is to mine some of the planets and sell the goods to the economic community. Understandably, some civilisations don't particularly fancy the idea of a colossal ship landing on their planet and robbing them of all the valuable minerals...

Just to make sure that you're aware of how dire the situation is becoming, the Arth authorities have added a sensor to your ship that tells you how many days are remaining until Arth becomes a distant memory!

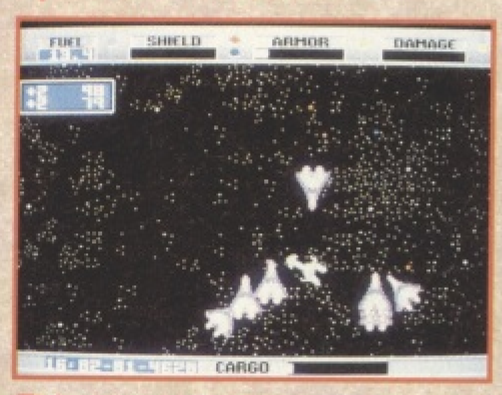
So it's down to you and your galaxy-class star ship to seek out strange new worlds and civilisations, and as the saying goes: "to boldly go where no man has gone before!".



▲ *Arming up the ol' ship!*

◀ *An Earth-like planet..,*

▼ *An enemy squadron causes hassle.*





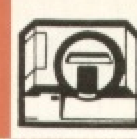
This strange being provides the first clues... ▶

THAT'S MINE!

Mining is the central part of the game. The Arth authorities pay big bucks for any Endurium you may find - this is the raw fuel for starship engines. Just about any mineral can be sold. Your ship has a TV (Terrain Vehicle) which scours the landscape digging up valuables. Mineral scans are needed in order to find the buried treasure. The TV can be upgraded to search deeper for minerals.

















▲ *The Terrain Vehicle goes a-digging.*

STRUTTING AROUND STARBASE

The game starts at the Starbase where you choose your crew, name your ship, get your orders and blast off into the blank inky yonder. You must return here to sell your minerals or get new messages.



STARS IN YOUR EYES



This navigation chart gives you some idea of the vast nature of the game. However, should you leave the map, the universe does not wrap around, so you really would be going "where no man has gone before!".

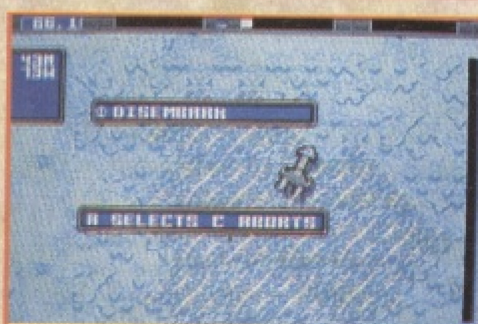
COMMENT

RICH

Starflight looked exceptionally dull before I took it home one Saturday to review. Needless to say, once I'd got into it, I spent the whole weekend playing the game (even though EA didn't bother putting a battery in the cart, so all my saved efforts were erased when the power went off - arrgghhh!). It's just like having your own Starship Enterprise. You can open all the hailing frequencies you want, fire off God knows how many photon torpedoes and even train up your crew! Every planet can be visited and mined, and there are many different alien cultures to interact with in order to get to the bottom of what's happening. The graphics are pretty dull, but it doesn't really matter when you have a game that I rate as better than as the classic Elite! The vast nature of the game means you'll be at it for months. Another Megadrive classic from Electronic Arts!

This mineral scan shows up all buried metal! ▶

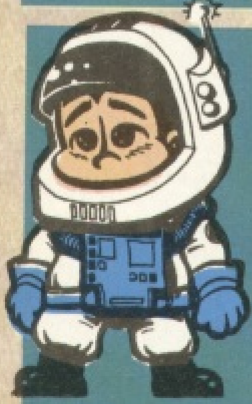






▲ The TV confronts some alien life forms.

COMMENT



JULIAN

Normally, I wouldn't touch space trading games like this with a specially disinfected ten-foot long barge pole - they're always very slow, boring and tedious and never, ever have enough things to blow up. But Starflight isn't a normal space trading game. It's got loads in it, with alien races to meet, a zillion planets to explore and loads of hostiles to blow up. A common fault of games like this is that because they're so huge, there's a lot of aimless exploration and interplanetary time-wasting. But not in Starflight! There's constant action and variety and no hanging about - you're always wondering what to do or where to go next! Actually completing the game objective takes ages - there's hundreds of hours of play in this - and even then the game can go on! Starflight mightn't be blessed with the greatest graphics and sound ever seen, but then it comes to sheer playability, depth, variety and lasting appeal, I can't think of many Megadrive games better than this.

STRANGE NEW CIVILISATIONS



Any deep space exploration usually means a confrontation with the system's inhabitants. Deep space protocol can either be obsequious (that's exceptionally fawning and grovelling), friendly or hostile. For the biggest laughs try hostile communications, where you can verbally accost your contact with gems like "Our patience wears thin. We shall give you three minutes in which to co-operate. If you do not... ha ha ha!" or "We have heard enough of your inane ranting. You will tell us what we wish to know or we will destroy you. You have little time left!".



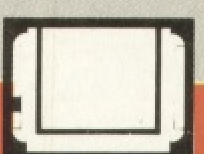


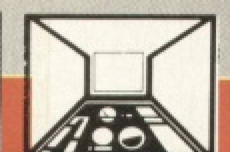
BY: EA

PRICE: £TBA

RELEASE DATE: TBA
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 1
CONTINUES: 0
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: SMOOTH







PRESENTATION 88%
Good use of menus, and the in-game presentation is great.

GRAPHICS 77%
Loads of well-drawn aliens on the comms screens, some nice planetary effects, but a pretty dull space sequence.

SOUND 87%
Computer speech like HAL in 2001 and excellent Star Trek-like effects which add to the atmosphere.

PLAYABILITY 92%
Once you set the game up, you're into a mission to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new galaxies and civilizations...

LASTABILITY 95%
...to boldly go where no man has gone before! And it's a mission which will keep you playing for weeks!

OVERALL 94%
A completely and utterly brilliant space quest that even beats the classic computer game Elite in the playability and depth stakes!

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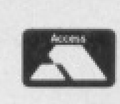
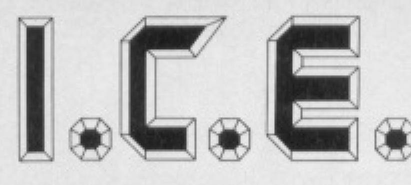
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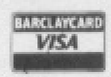
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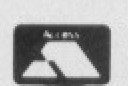
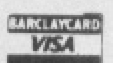
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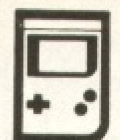
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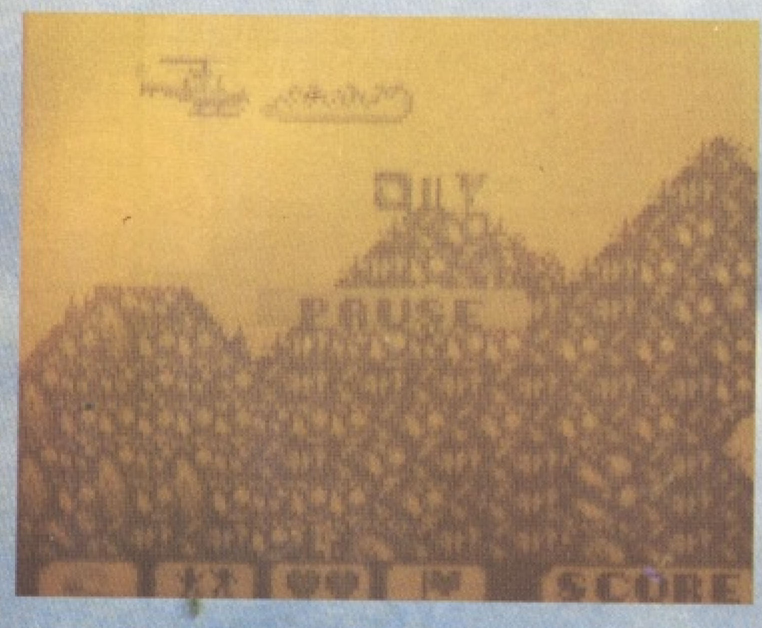




CHOPLIFTER II

It's all-out war across the globe, and things are looking grim for the goodies. The baddies have pinched the most valuable personnel in the goodies' side, and some one has to travel behind enemy lines to rescue them. In case you hadn't guessed, that happens to be you. In order to aid your efforts, you've been given a highly advanced Choplifter chopper. This particular piece of hi-tech machinery carries the latest in cannon technology, with armour-piercing shells that can annihilate just about anything you're likely to face on your dangerous mission. It also has seating for plenty of passengers, which is ideal when it comes to actually rescuing people.

The action is displayed on a multi-directionally scrolling landscape. The object is to find a certain number of people per level and return them to base. This simply involves blasting enemy hardware and landing, thus enabling the prisoners to reach your gunship. Then it's back to base to off-load your cargo. This task doesn't change between the levels, but the sectors the Choplifter infiltrates become steadily more dangerous.







CHOPLIFTER ORIGINS

Choplifter is an ancient game concept, dating back to 1983, when it was first released on the C64 and 8-bit Atari. However, Sega saw what a great game concept Choplifter was, and converted it into a coin-op, which was much the same but with superior graphics and sound. A Master System version of Choplifter is also available, converted from the coin-op!

COMMENT

JULIAN

Choplifter is a perfect mini blastathon which packs thrills and spills in a totally addictive package that's impossible to resist. Put it at the top of your shopping list.

COMMENT



RICH

JVC certainly have an eye for the classics! Just like Boulderdash, Choplifter is a simple, yet highly compelling game. It's also very challenging and should keep you glued to your Gameboy for weeks. Check it out!



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RATINGS

PRESENTATION	88%
GRAPHICS	87%
SOUND	88%
PLAYABILITY	92%
LASTABILITY	89%
OVERALL	90%

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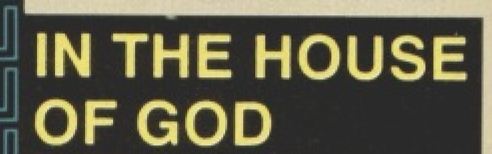
BATTLE OF OLYMPUS

Take a time warp back to ancient Greece, if you will. It was a time when men were men (even if they did wear girlie leather skirts), women were women (and always did the house work when they weren't getting kidnapped) and many-headed monsters and the undead were a common hazard on the dirt track to work.

The evil gods are angry, mainly because the good gods always seem to be getting one over them. So to vent their frustrations they decide to kidnap a beautiful princess. Zeus and the rest of the good gods don't seem particularly concerned, but one hero (who has the hots for said princess) does, and decides to mount a rescue bid.

His quest involves travelling the horizontally scrolling landscape that is Ancient Greece, picking up info on where special god-like powers are found. Using these powers, as well as a few loaned by Zeus and his pals, it's his job to hunt down his princess and knock the demons back into the satanic abyss from whence they rose. Hurrah!





▲ *Strutting around Ancient Greece.*

▶ *Each house has a character inside.*

IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

The first job the player has is to find out more about his quest from the god of gods, Zeus himself! He's found simply by going right from the start location to a white House. Go through this and walk left and you'll be right next to Zeus' palace. Unfortunately, before you can hear his words of enlightenment, you must take on a psychotic bull that's positioned itself in front of the temple!

COMMENT

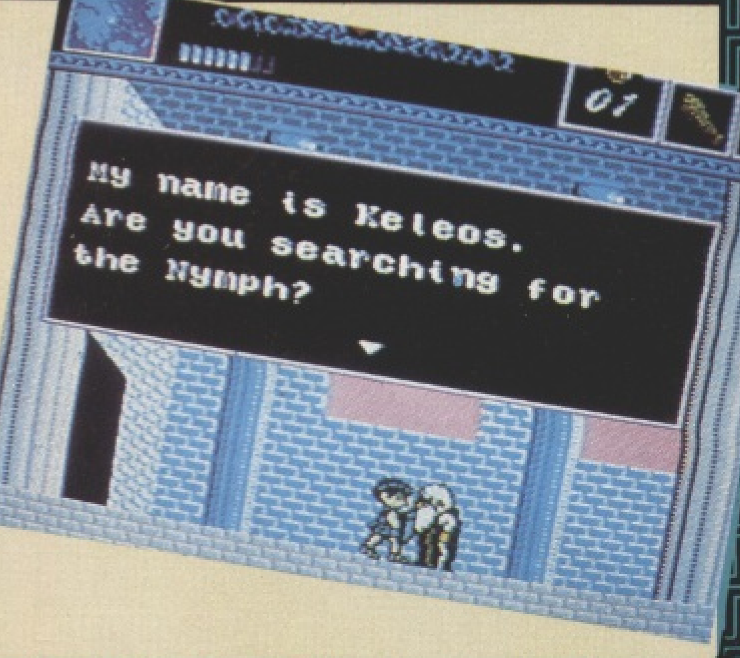


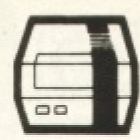
RICH

This looks pretty similar to the likes of Zelda and Faxanadu, and to be honest, if this kind o' thing is your cup of tea you'll probably find a massive and enjoyable task ahead of you. Unfortunately, there are a couple of things that didn't really appeal to me. First of all, the simplistic interaction with the other one-speech tape-recorder-like characters is a bit annoying. Another thing which hampered my enjoyment of this game somewhat was the pretty boring action sequences. Just running along a horizontally-scrolling landscape slashing your chopper at small enemy sprites isn't my idea of an excursion to Excitement Central. Zelda fans should have a look at this. Others will probably find it a bit of a bore no matter how much there is in it.

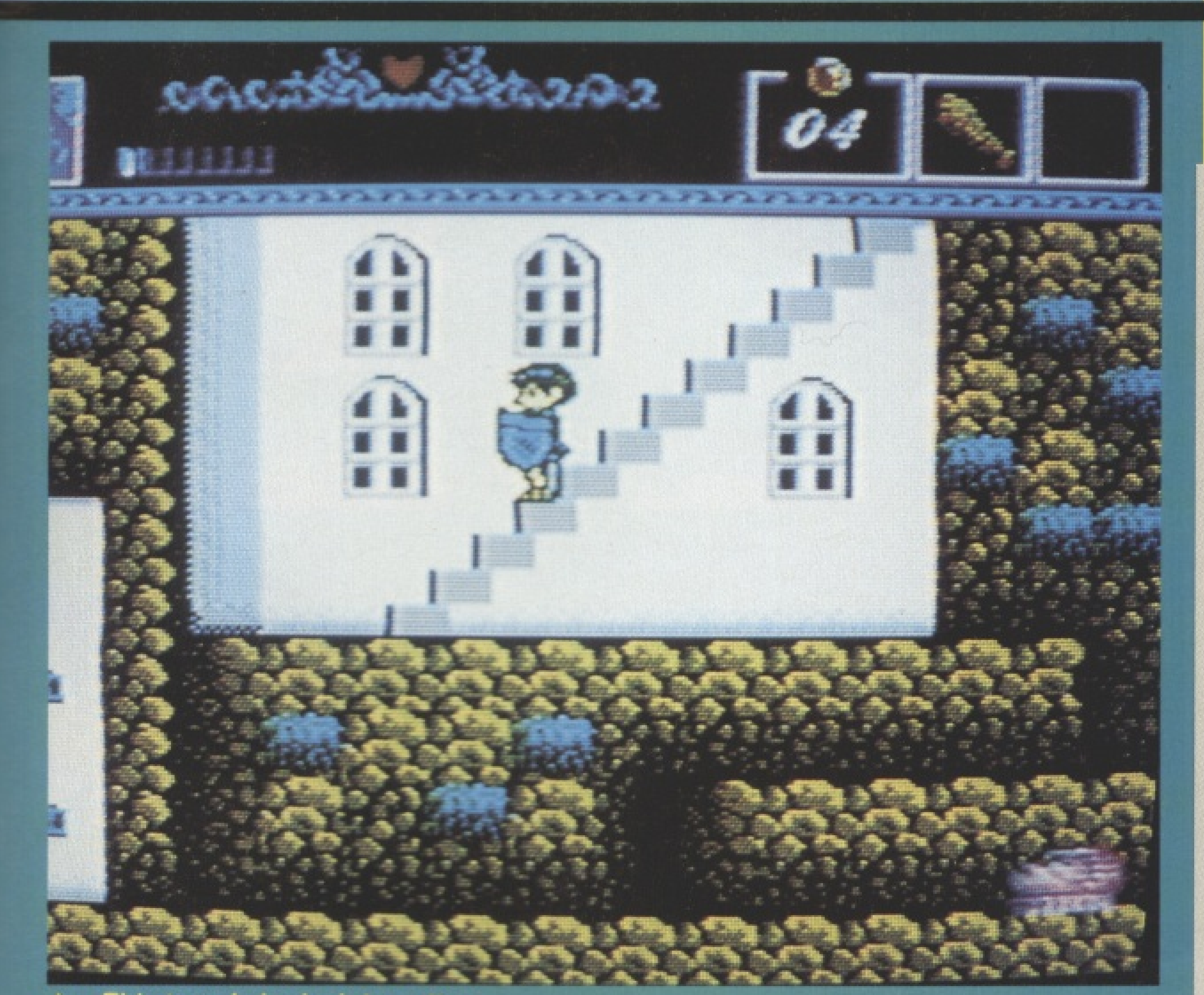
TALK TO ME!

As the hero progresses through Ancient Greece, the chances are that he'll meet some local peasants on the way. Conversation however, is quite limited. The only way to evoke any kind of response out of them is to push UP and button B on the joypad, whereupon they say their piece. You can't say anything back, however, and the characters always say the same thing!









▲ *This temple looks interesting.*

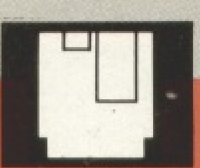


BY: BRODERBUND

PRICE: £TBA

RELEASE DATE: TBA
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 1
CONTINUES: INFINITE
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: SMOOTH

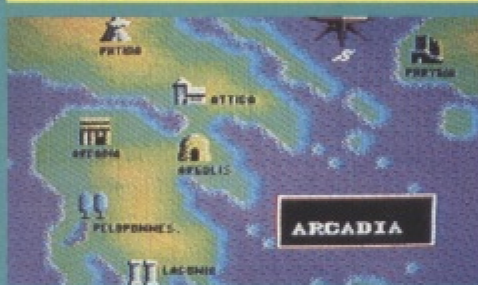






I'm the god Zeus.

GRECIAN 2000 BC



Ancient Greece is a pretty vast place, as you can tell by the map pictured here. Each of the indicated cities is a place that our hero visits during the game. In order to complete some mini-quests, going back to previous levels is also necessary.

SUB-SCREEN ANTICS



Pressing START takes the player to a sub-screen where various items and weapons are selected for use. Items included in the game are the likes of clubs, harps, staffs, shields, crystals, bracelets and swords.

COMMENT

JULIAN

Battle of Olympus is a good example of the Faxanadu/Zelda II-type game, but doesn't have enough new or interesting ideas to appeal to players who don't normally play something like this. The speech/interaction is a good idea, but unfortunately it's very limited and becomes completely predictable once you've played the game a few times. Another negative point is that the action is a bit tedious - the hero has only one attack move, and the baddie sprites aren't particularly exciting. Adventure/RPG fans will certainly enjoy this, but if it's fast action and thrills you're after, look elsewhere.

PRESENTATION 82%

Well-presented on all levels and easy to get into without reading through the instructions.

GRAPHICS 70%

Pretty simplistic backdrops and small sprites.

SOUND 69%

Pretty jolly tunes and effects add something to the atmosphere.

PLAYABILITY 77%

Easy to get into and quite entertaining from the outset.

LASTABILITY 85%

Plenty of mini-quests to conquer mean that if you like this sort of thing, you'll be at it for months (oo-er).

OVERALL 79%

A decent enough RPG that will go down well with fans of the genre.

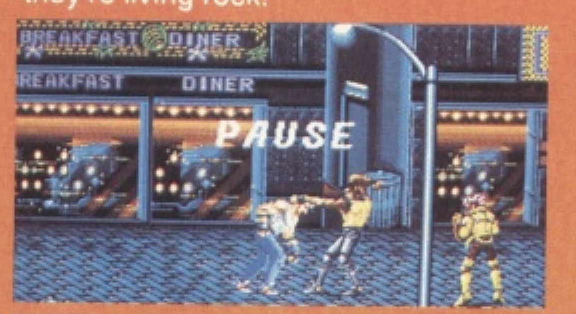


STREETS OF RAGE

The streets are no longer safe for ordinary people any more. Mr Big and his violence-crazed minions have moved into the city, and their main occupations include the scaring people with their grotesque features, beating them up with a variety of weapons and generally causing a bit of aggro.

The police are busy setting up road traps on the motorways and making Crimestoppers commercials, and the carnage on the streets continues unchecked! Sick of the way the people are being treated, three heroes decide to leave the police force and become street vigilantes, kicking the excrement of anyone who looks vaguely threatening.

Their one objective is to put an end to Mr Big's reign of terror, by taking out the man himself who waits at the end of eight levels' worth of beat 'em up action. It's a hard task, but our heroes aren't just hard - they're living rock!



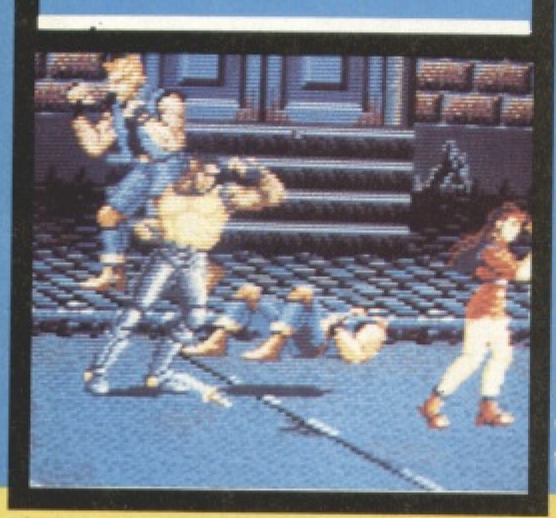


▲ *Adam Hunter exercises his fists of fury on the hapless enemy sprites.*



ADAM

SEX: Male
AGE: 22
HISTORY: Ex-cop
HOBBY: Bonsai
ABILITY: Boxing
NOTES: Slow moving, but produces powerful blows and high flying kicks. Adam's mates describe him as "rock hard".

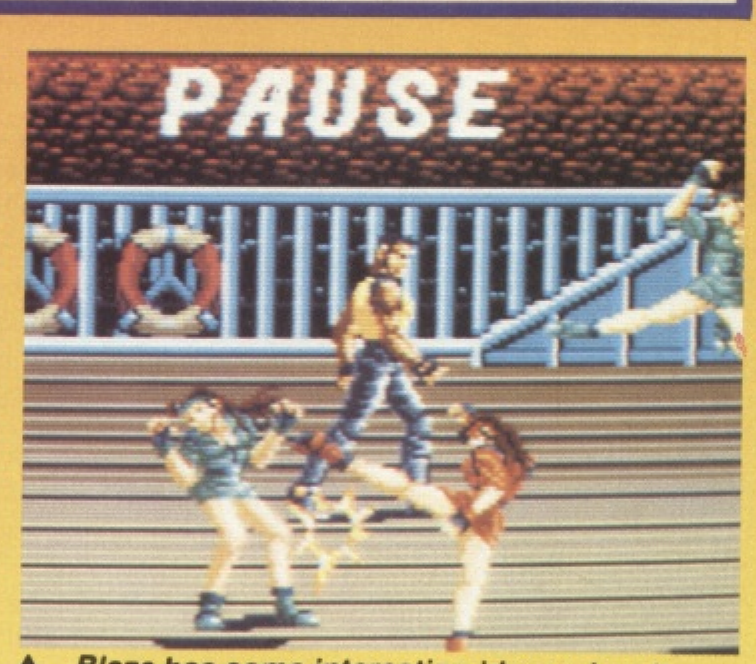


AN APPLE A DAY..

Dotted around the play area are various tasty morsels. These are eaten to provide players with extra energy. Food available includes the likes of apples and large ready-roasted chicken.

PAUSE

There are three heroes in the game (two of these can play simultaneously), and each has his or her own particular style of combat. All characters are capable of flying kicks, punching, kicking and throwing assailants over their shoulders. In two-player mode, players can use each other to pull off a very powerful move which involves grabbing hold of the other player and propelling themselves into the air to produce the most devastating flying kick available in the game!

▲ *Blaze has some interesting ideas when it comes to men.*





COMMENT

JULIAN

Imagine a simultaneous two-player combat game which incorporates features from Final Fight, Double Dragon and Shadow Warriors and you're imagining a game not entirely unlike Streets of Rage. It's an excellent beat 'em up - the best yet seen on the Megadrive - and has eight levels packed to the gills with meaty mateys and gruesome girlies all waiting to kick the cack out of you. The going is tough (especially in single-player mode on HARD), but all three characters have a variety of moves to keep them from being overrun by the sheer number of baddies. I particularly like the mega-kick that can only be done when two players work together, and the special weapon is superb!



◄ *Blaze Fielding and Adam Hunter face up to the villain of the piece, the imaginatively-named Mr Big!*



BOTTLES 'N' PIPES

There are plenty of weapons available in Streets of Rage. Some of them can be pinched from the enemy sprites while others are found hidden inside the likes of rubbish bins and telephone kiosks. The weapons included in the game include the likes of bottles, aluminium baseball bats, knives and lead pipes!

BLAZE

SEX: Female
AGE: 21
HISTORY: Ex-cop
HOBBY: Lambada
ABILITY: Judo
NOTES: Blaze is the most nippy character of the lot and is certainly the most athletic. The problem is her blows aren't that powerful.





▲ *A swift knee kick from Blaze, and the enemy is sent flying!*





COMMENT



RICH

Streets of Rage is THE beat 'em up for Megadrive owners to buy. The action is great, especially with two players on-screen at once! For once, the players act as a team, using each other to produce moves not available in one-player mode. The graphics are great. The sprites are excellent, and at times the screen is chock-a-block with thugs ready to send you to your doom! The backdrops are similarly detailed, although the scenery on each level could've done with being a bit more varied. My one substantial gripe is the fact that the game is doesn't present much of a challenge on EASY mode. Gary and I completed the game in two-player without using one continue! However, put the difficulty level on HARD and the action is made all the more enjoyable and challenging. Beat 'em up fans should check this out as soon as it hits the streets.



▲ Blaze has some interesting ideas when it comes to men.



▲ A quick knee in the face courtesy of Blaze!

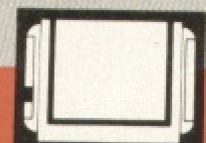


▲ Blaze is a whiz at flying kicks!



BY: SEGA
PRICE: £34.99
RELEASE DATE: NOW
GAME DIFFICULTY: EASY/MEDIUM
LIVES: 5
CONTINUES: 3
SKILL LEVELS: 3
RESPONSIVENESS: FAST

1-2 PLAYERS







AXEL

SEX: Male
AGE: 22
HISTORY: Ex-cop
HOBBY: Video games
ABILITY: Martial arts
NOTES: Axel's faster than Adam and just as powerful, but when it comes to jumping, Axel doesn't produce such an impressive performance.



ESWAT EXCITEMENT

Should the going get really tough, each player has the ability to summon the ESWAT Cyber-Police. They drive up in their flashy motor, produce some heavy artillery and blast the living daylights out of the opposition. In one-player mode, they always use a large bazooka. In two-player mode, the other player can summon a massive scatter bomb bombardment! The ESWAT connection extends to some of the enemy sprites, blatantly blagged from the coin-op!





PRESENTATION 90%
Plenty of decent attract screens make the game look special.

GRAPHICS 94%
Loadsa sprites on-screen at once, with some decent animation and good enough backdrops.

SOUND 94%
Techno-dance tracks for each level, and they're some of the best Megadrive tunes ever heard!

PLAYABILITY 92%
Fist action the likes of which Megadrive owners have never had before!

LASTABILITY 87%
Pretty easy on easy level, but the going gets tougher when you knock that difficulty level up a few notches.

OVERALL 90%
The greatest and most enjoyable beat 'em up yet seen on the Megadrive!



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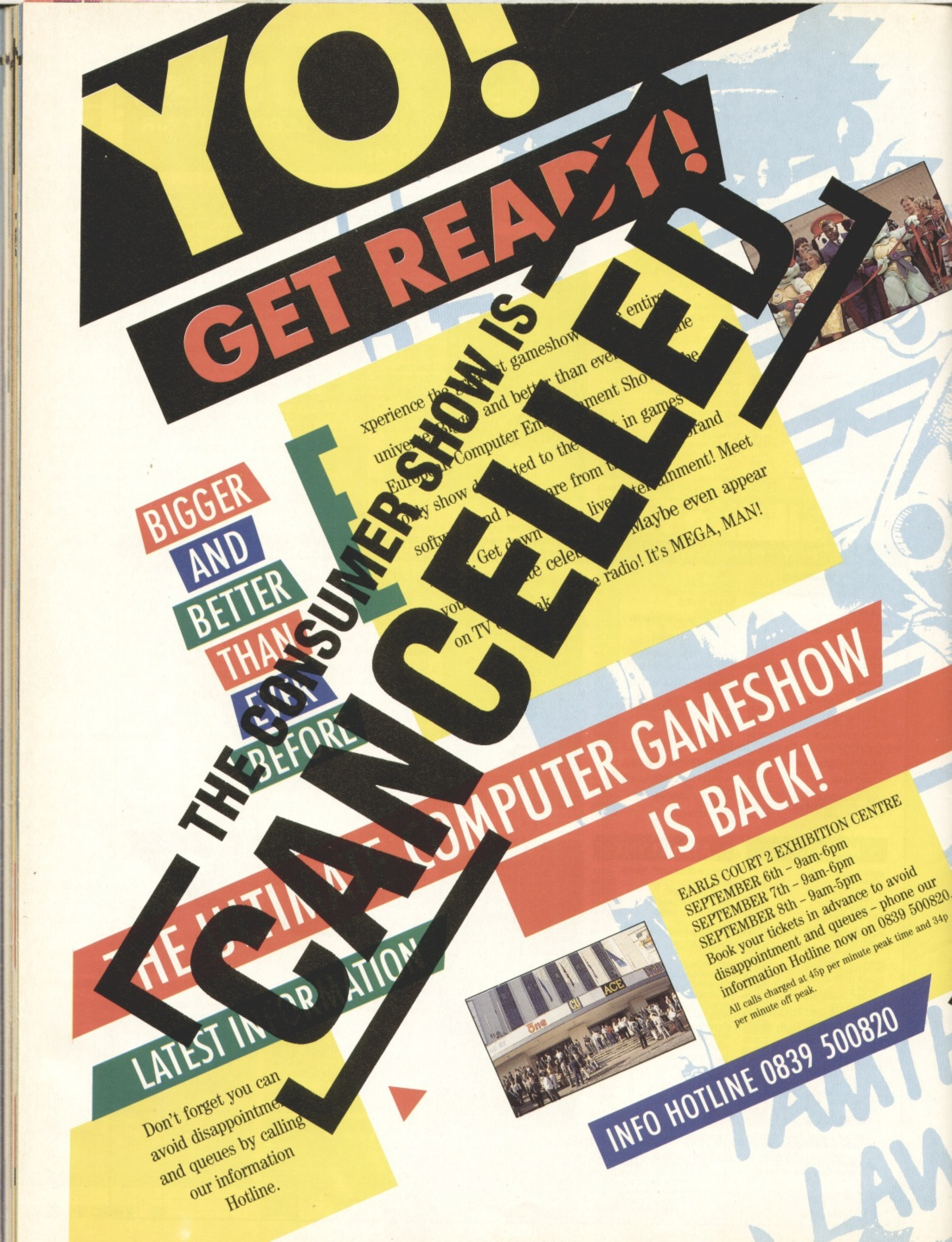
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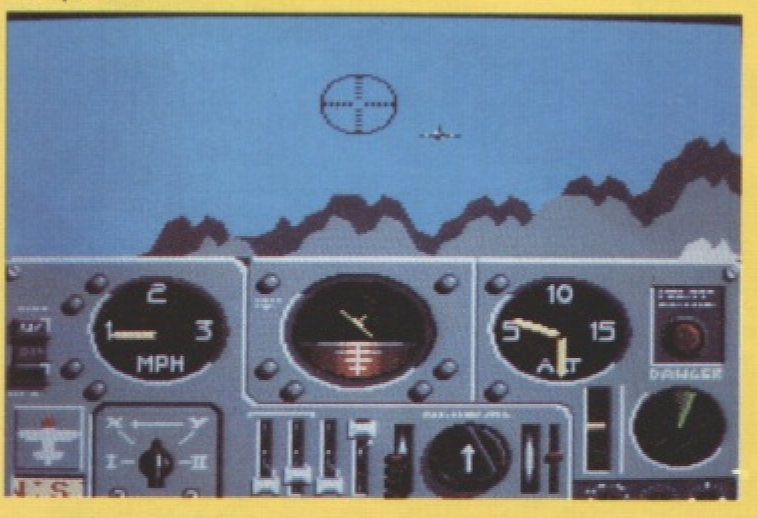
Flying around Western Europe doesn't sound very dangerous, but when you've been warped back into history and it's the 1940s, you'll probably find that a few thousand Germans are out to turn your fighter bomber into flaming wreckage.

Like the fool you are, you "volunteered" to take part in several missions instrumental to Allied victory in the Second World War. You still hear the voice of your CO, Colonel Stratford, ringing in your ears. "You have volunteered," he said gruffly, "to take on a flying mission that, until now, you knew nothing about. That, my friend, is the kind of selfless bravery that makes great pilots."

It's also the kind of selfless bravery that keeps the likes of Colonel Stratford several hundred miles away from the action.

Now it's just you and your Hobson FB-61 "Grim Reaper" fighter bomber. The four missions are pretty simple. Just destroy some munitions trains travelling through Munich, a bunch of namby pamby V-1 "Buzz Bombs" darkening the skies of southern Paris, JU-88 bombers to the east or the U-Boats hanging out in the North Atlantic.

Simple eh? Just remember that the Luftwaffe don't take kindly to our Tommy heroes infiltrating their airspace...



COMMENT

RICH

Oo-er! A flight sim on the Sega. How interesting. Well, it would be if it was any good, but unfortunately Ace of Aces is a sad shambling parody of a flight sim. It's nothing to do with the depth of the simulation. There's quite a lot to do, and plenty of things to blow up, but this is all overshadowed by the truly awful in-game graphics. Featuring very bizarre grey clouds (portrayed in appalling Jerk-O-Vision) the game is graphically tedious and the slow response time makes taking out any ME-109s you may chance across a very laborious task. The control method for accessing all of the instruments is quite nicely done, but in the heat of battle it's very fiddly and serves just to annoy. The sound is laughable, with a single-note engine and simple shooting noise effects. Even if you're incredibly desperate for a flight sim for the Sega, avoid this seriously lacking game at all costs!

THE STRATFORD LOWDOWN

Before each mission begins, Colonel Stratford arrives to give you an intelligence report on what faces you on your chosen caper. Details included are information on what the enemy have got waiting for you and weather conditions, along with specific information on your objective. This is also the last chance you'll get for backing out of the mission.

GOGGLES ON, CHOCKS AWAY!

Button B combined with down on the joypad takes the player to the bomb bay screen. Here the bay doors can be opened and the target can be bombed. This is also the place to change the main weapon between the main guns and rockets.





PORT AND STARBOARD

During the game, different instruments can be viewed and used by switching between views. The B button combined with a direction gives the player a different view of the proceedings. Changing the engine speed, lowering the landing gear and adjusting the flaps are just some of the options open when you've chosen another view. Actually piloting the 'plane can only be done on the front view screen.

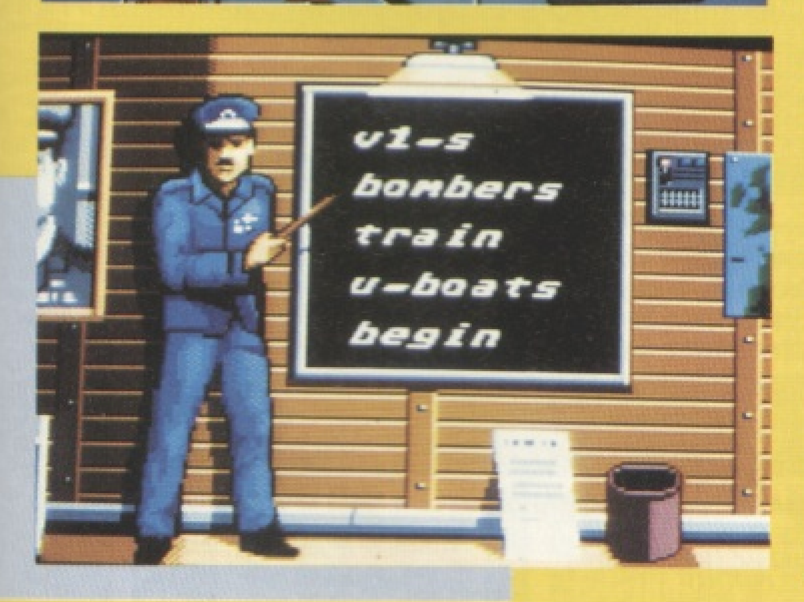


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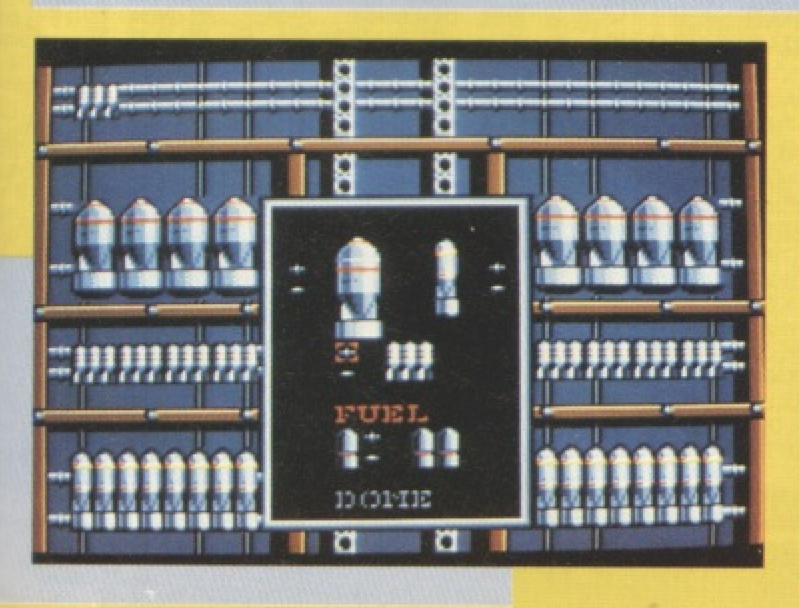
Ace of Aces wasn't a particularly awe-inspiring game when it first appeared on the C64 five years ago, and this Sega version is nowhere near as good as the original! Poor-quality, fuzzy graphics and amazingly naff sounds are the nails in the coffin, and the tediously slow gameplay hammers them well and truly home. There's no feeling of excitement - the missions are all pretty dull and unchallenging - and the sluggish and fiddly control method serves to make play irritating and annoying. Ace of Aces could have been a great Sega flight sim. It's a shame it fails dismally to live up to its potential...

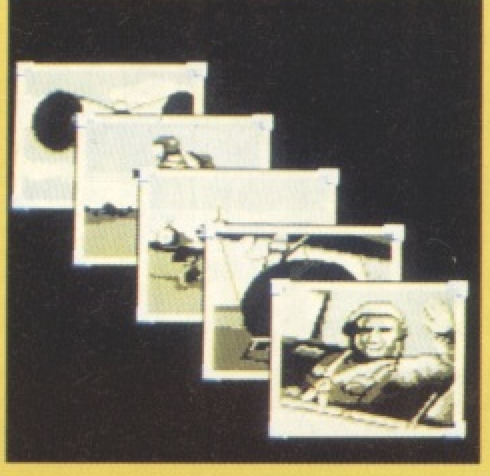


USING THE MAP

The map shows all information relevant to your mission, and includes the likes of enemy 'planes and your actual target. The map can be summoned during the game, so there's no worry of losing your target.







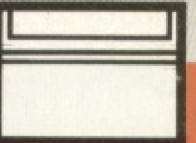


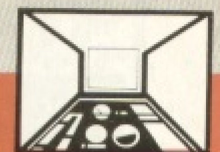
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RESPONSIVENESS: VERY SLUGGISH







PRESENTATION 67%

Very good, with plenty of front-end screens and a practice option as well.

GRAPHICS 49%

Nice presentation screens, but the in-game graphics are dull and the movement is extremely jerky.

SOUND 21%

Incredibly unconvincing sound effects.

PLAYABILITY 29%

Slow motion in-game "action" bores from the outset.

LASTABILITY 24%

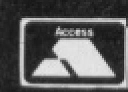
Four missions, but the game's so dull there's no compulsion to come back.

OVERALL 29%

A dire flight sim that shouldn't be allowed to infest your Sega collection.

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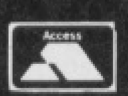
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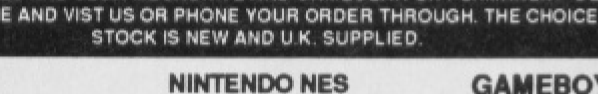
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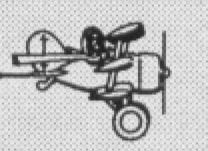
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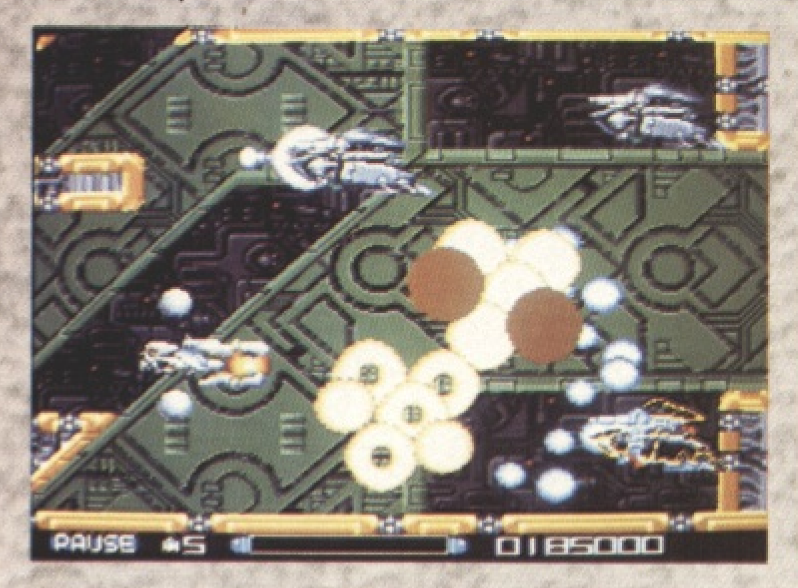
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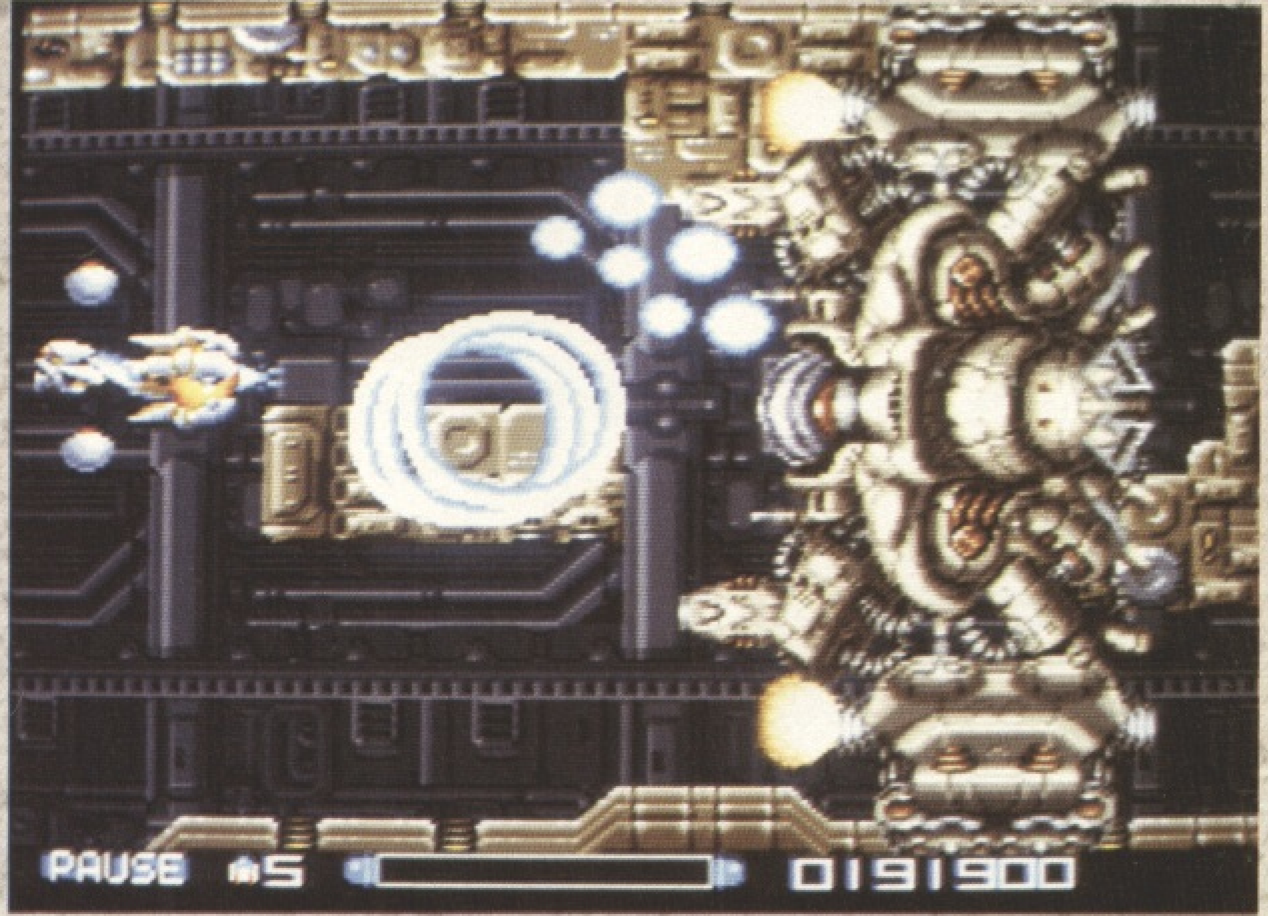
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After the stuffing they received in the original R-Type, the Bydo Empire have regrouped and are growing like a festering cosmic tumour of vast proportions. Once again, they're spreading their own reign of terror and destruction through the cosmos, and their fear-inducing antics are going unchecked!

Enter the Alliance, who reformed at the first sign of Bydo-type trouble. They've dusted off one of their old R-9 attack fighters and kitted it out with a whole load of extras from the showroom that make it a far more fearsome ship than the first.

Now all they need is a pilot, and it will come as no surprise that you've been volunteered to take the new ship straight into Bydo territory. Your mission is simple. Destroy the Empire, or the universe will suffer the consequences...



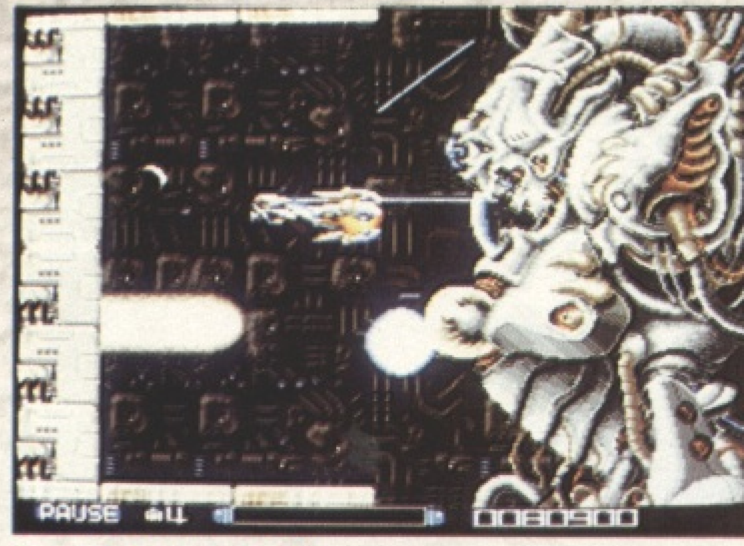


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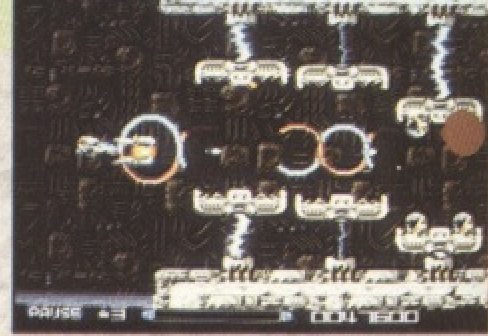
POW Armour ships also carry icons which power-up The Force with a number of different energy weapons.



POW armour ships don't hang about. Shoot 'em as soon as they appear and collect the weapon-giving icon left behind for beefed-up destructive potential!



REFLECTIVE LASER: Fires low-power beams that bounce around the terrain taking out enemy targets on the way.



AIR-TO-AIR LASER: This laser concentrates all its destructive energy into a powerful spiraling beam which fires forward.



SPREAD LASER: Fires a maximum of eight laser bolts which spread out in front of the R-9. Very powerful, but slow-firing.

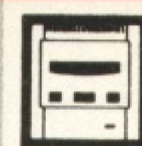


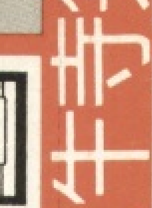
AIR-TO-GROUND LASER: Twin beams of destruction hug the landscape, destroying all enemy emplacements immediately.



SHOTGUN CANNON A mega-powerful weapon which fires high-explosive shells. Unfortunately lacks the range to make it really useful.







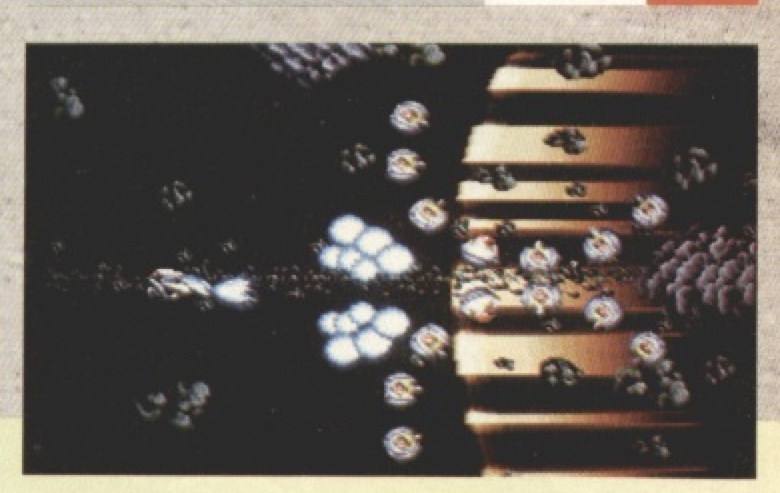




AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE: The first missile icon available. This just fires a missile in a 45 degree angle towards the ground.



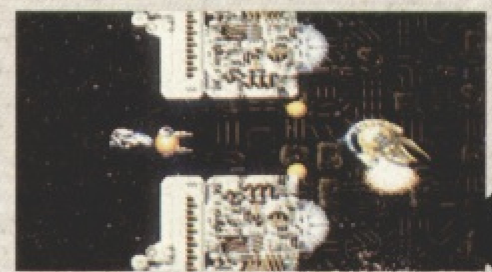
HEAT-SEEKING MISSILE: A lot more useful than the air-to-ground model, this fires two rockets which home in on their prey.

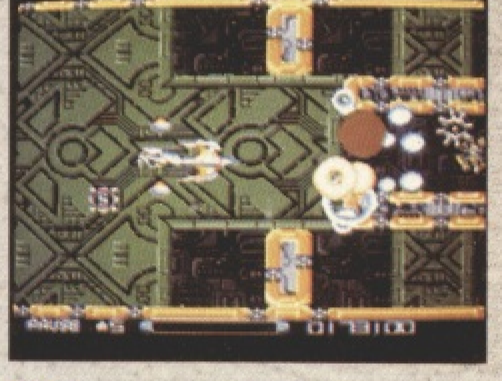


USE THE FORCE



Shooting one of the POW Armour carriers releases a power-up that provides the R-9 with The Force. The Force is a detachable shield which fastens itself either to the front or rear of the R-9, protecting it from low-power enemy fire. It also carries it's own special lasers that replace the R-9's relatively feeble firepower. A quick stab of the Famicom's button A (or the R key) propels The Force deep into space, where it destroys enemy fighters on contact.





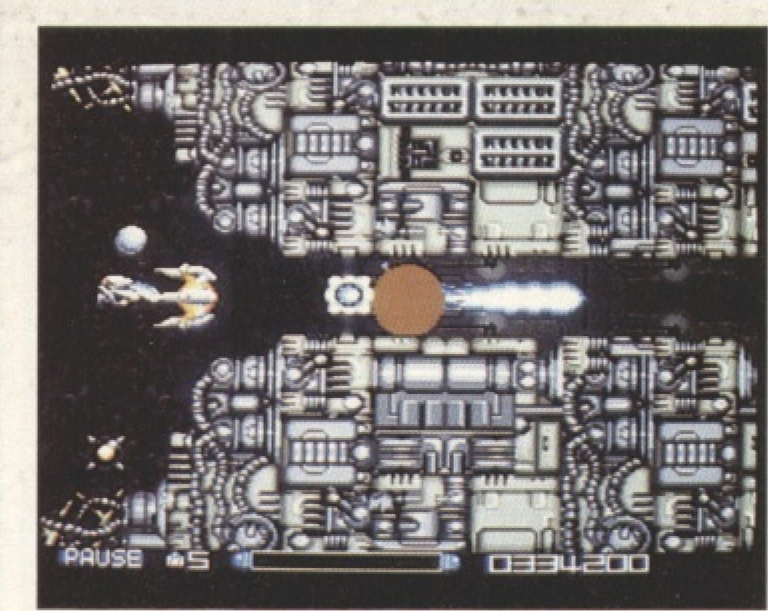
BIT: Two of these can be collected, and help defend the top and bottom of the R-9 from enemy fire. The Bit is also useful for ramming targets.

MEGA GAME

CANNON

Without The Force attached to the R-9, the main offensive firepower comes from the front-mounted laser cannon. This cannon is okay for general day-to-day Bydo annihilation, but when it comes to dealing with the bosses, something meatier is required. Holding down the B button powers up the special weapon. The longer you keep your button depressed, the more powerful your shot. Once the meter reaches peak power, the second, even more powerful weapon is powered up ready for use!



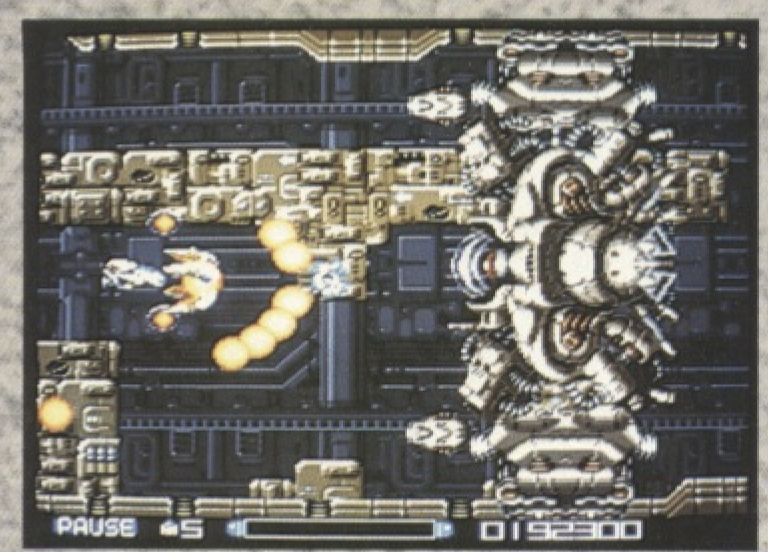


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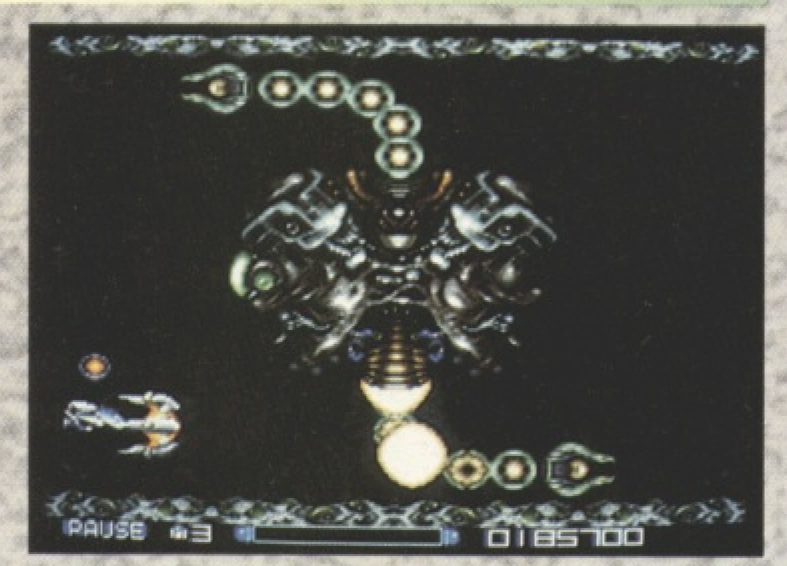


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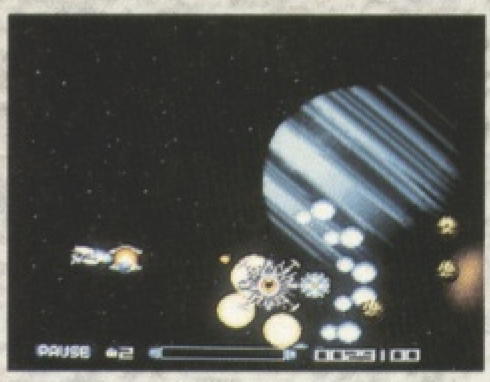
Darius Twin was okay as far as shoot 'em ups went, but Super R-Type just blows it into deep space! It's a close conversion of the coin-op R-Type 2, except that an extra level has been bolted on - and at no extra cost! R-Type has always had some kind of magic about it that sets it apart from the swollen masses of horizontally scrolling shoot 'em ups and I'm glad to say that the Super Famicom version retains that special magic quality that made the original compelling and playable to the extreme! The graphics and sound are truly excellent. The backdrops and sprites are all graphical masterpieces, and the stereo sound effects and music really enhance the atmosphere. Super R-Type is an exceptional cartridge that MUST find its way into your Famicom collection.



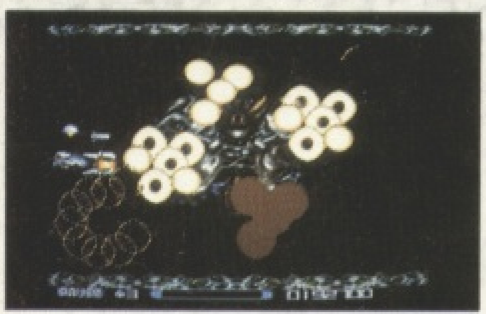
This boss is on the run! He flies through the landscape at breakneck speed and the R-9 follows, dodging enemy fire and scenery! Firing at its heart is the only way to see this guy off.

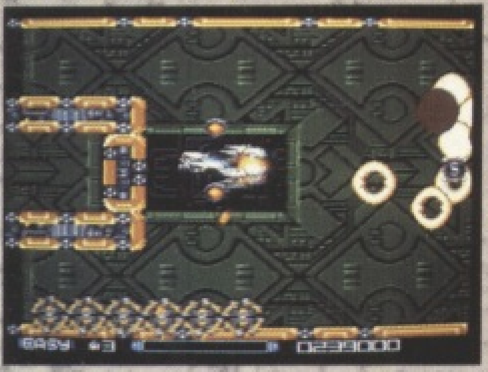


Twin indestructible snakes combine to distract the R-9 from the serious business of blasting away at the central Bydo structure. Shoot it in the eye!

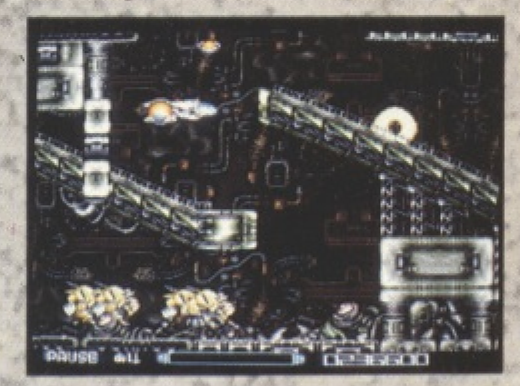


A small satellite causes the R-9's first end-of-level problem. This guy releases mines that the R-9 either avoids or shoots. One good super-weapon blast is all that's required to see this guy off.

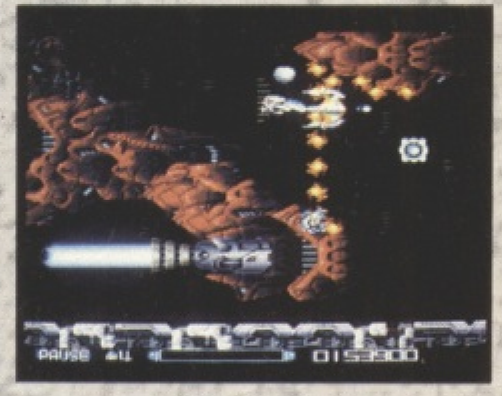




This hi-tech level poses a new problem to the hardened R-9 pilot; some of the walls actually move around, trapping and perhaps trashing the ship!



The trash disposal complex is the R-9's next port-of-call. Conveyor belts carry the trash to the furnaces, but it also has a tendency to fall onto the R-9!

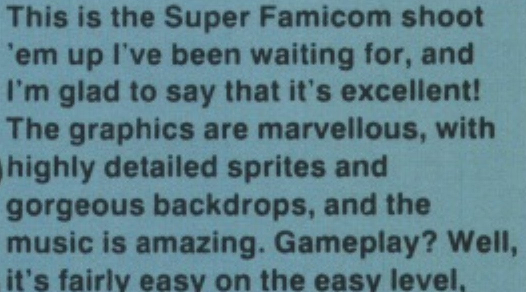


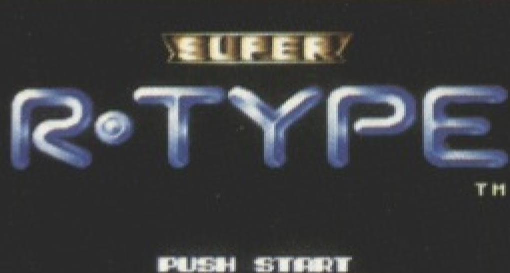
A massive Bydo battleship is poised to strike at a key alliance hideout. The R-9 is called in to singe-handedly destroy this vast laser-spewing cruiser!

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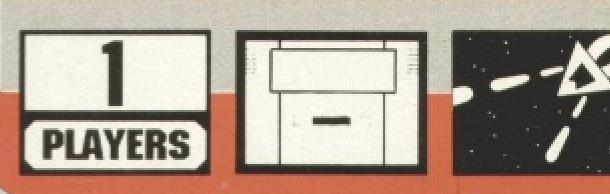
JULIAN

This is the Super Famicom shoot 'em up I've been waiting for, and I'm glad to say that it's excellent! The graphics are marvellous, with highly detailed sprites and gorgeous backdrops, and the music is amazing. Gameplay? Well, it's fairly easy on the easy level, but normal and hard levels are very tough, and experienced blasting fans will certainly get their money's worth. The only slightly disappointing aspect is that the action occasionally slows down when things get very busy on-screen. But it doesn't really intrude on the action and it also happens on the original coin-op, so I suppose there's nothing to really moan about. With its new features and addictive playability that sets down a tough challenge, Super R-Type is a must for your Super Famicom.





BY: IREM
PRICE: £45.00
RELEASE DATE: NOW
GAME DIFFICULTY: EASY/MEDIUM
LIVES: 3
CONTINUES: INFINITE
SKILL LEVELS: 4
RESPONSIVENESS: FAST



PRESENTATION 90%
A brilliant animated opening sequence is the icing on the cake. Loads of options and a sound test to check out as well.

GRAPHICS 91%
Truly brilliant sprites and plenty of varied backdrops to constantly amaze the eye!

SOUND 90%
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PLAYABILITY 91%
Arcade R-Type has a special quality all of its own, and it's in the conversion in vast quantities!

LASTABILITY 85%
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It's soccer action all the way for you NES owners. First of all you had Nintendo World Cup (hot contender for the worst console soccer game of all time), this time you've got Jaleco's Goal! Whereas World Cup was a more conventional horizontally scrolling footy game, Goal! is a tad different in that the action is displayed in Zaxxon-style isometric 3D.

Usual soccer rules apply, although the gameplay is altered slightly by use of the massive amount of options available. As well as one or two-player games, there's the option to play a single game or participate in the World Cup (where you're up against 16 of the best teams in the world!). Also available is the opportunity to play a Pro Tournament game where world famous soccer teams like Kansas, Chicago, Dallas and Boston battle it out for supremacy!

SOCCER SHOOT-OUT



One of the more bizarre features in Goal! is the option to play a shooting contest, where one player must take on two defenders and score past the goalie. Like the main game, one or two players can have a shot at this, with one player adopting the role of the attacking player, while the other controls the defender and 'keeper.

COMMENT



JULIAN

After the ghastly shambolic mockery they called Nintendo World Cup, I thought that maybe this would be a decent soccer game. I couldn't have been more wrong. Goal! is another Nintendo footballing débacle, a dire travesty purporting to be a simulation of our top national sport. The sprites are laughably awful - they don't look or move like footballers at all, and instead resemble sad phantom ice skaters slowly wobbling around a featureless green rink. The gameplay is even worse. The control method is very vague, the player logic is very poor and the player selection is terrible, making passing plays a completely hit and miss affair. Goal! is one of the most dreadful console sports games around, and should be avoided at all costs - especially if you're a football fan.



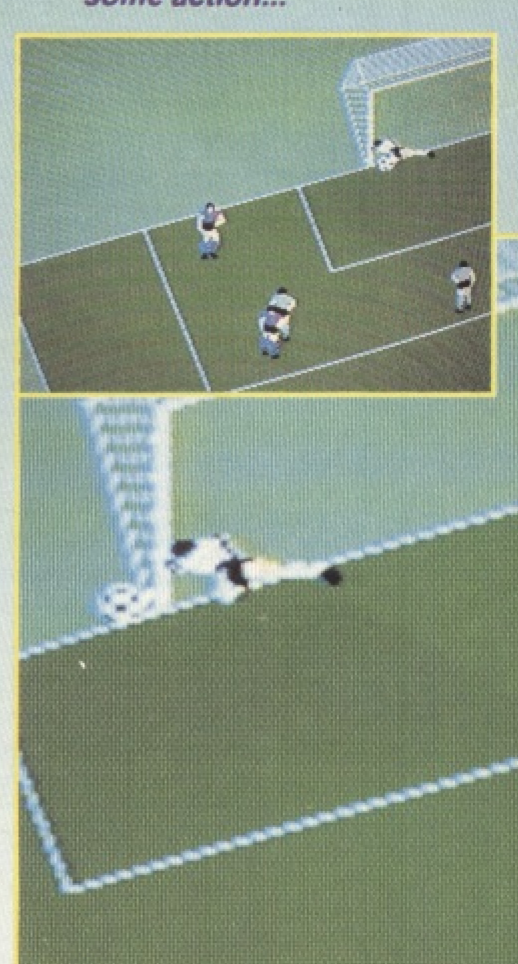


▲ *These men look ready for some action...*

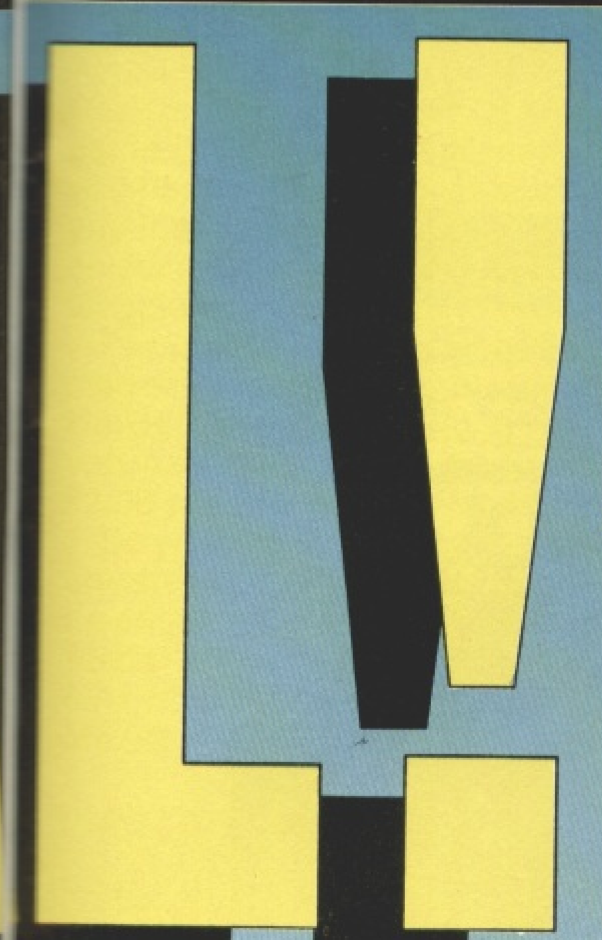
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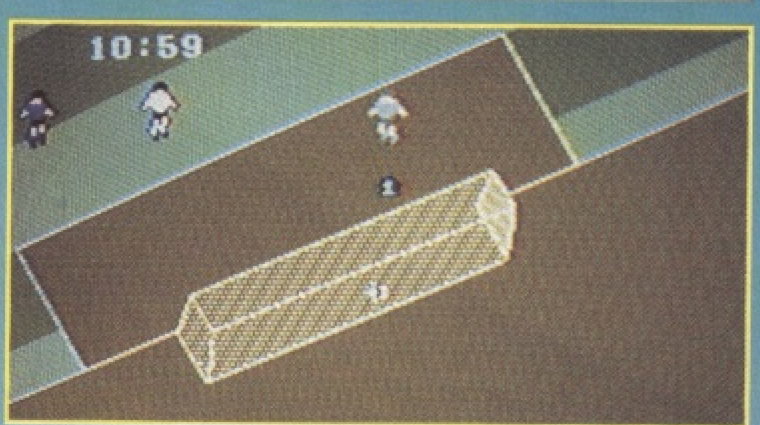
Just like the real thing, every team entered for the World Cup is put into a group. There are four groups, A, B, C, and (unsurprisingly) D. Each team plays everyone else in their group once. The two teams in each group who prove their worth are put through the second round. All of these teams play each other and the four teams that come out best go through to the semi finals. From then on the two winners of the semis go on into the final in a one match battle for soccer supremacy!





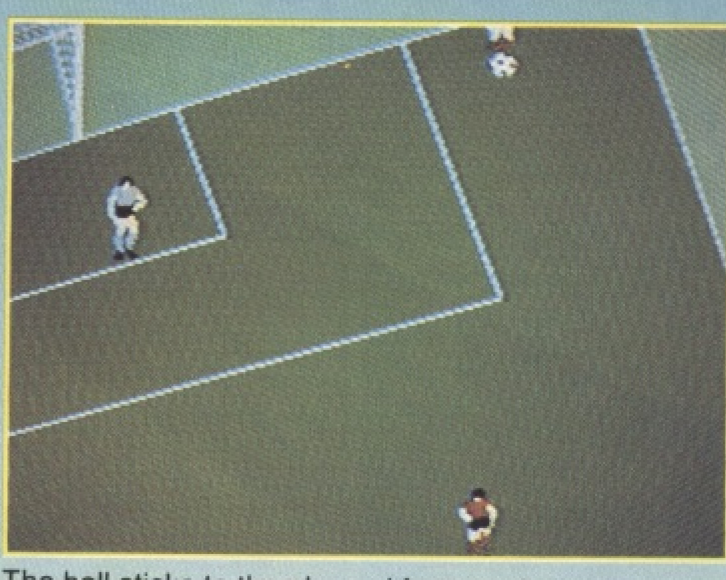



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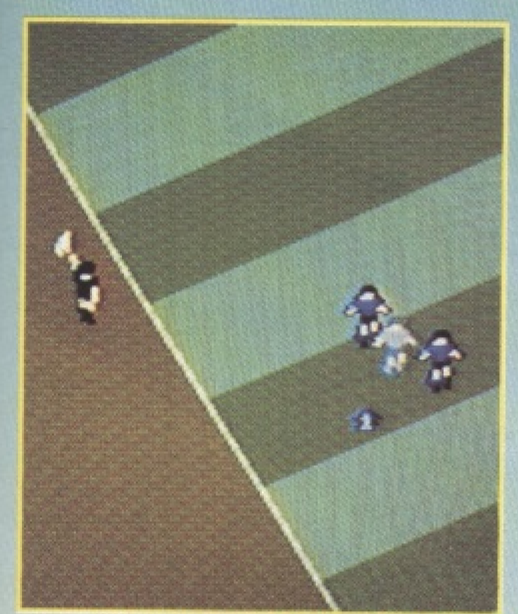


Jaleco describe Goal! as "an extremely realistic one or two-player soccer game" and they pride their game on the many attributes given to every player on the field. Each player performs according to criteria such as dribbling, kicking power, running speed, tackling, shooting ratio, marking and ball keeping abilities.

CONTROLLING YOUR BALLS



The ball sticks to the players' feet, so dribbling isn't much of a problem. The B button passes the ball whilst button A is used to attempt a shot. Hooking and slicing the ball (known as aftertouch) after you've kicked it is also possible just by pressing button B again and pressing the direction you want to hook or slice the ball. Back-spinning and extending shots are also possible.



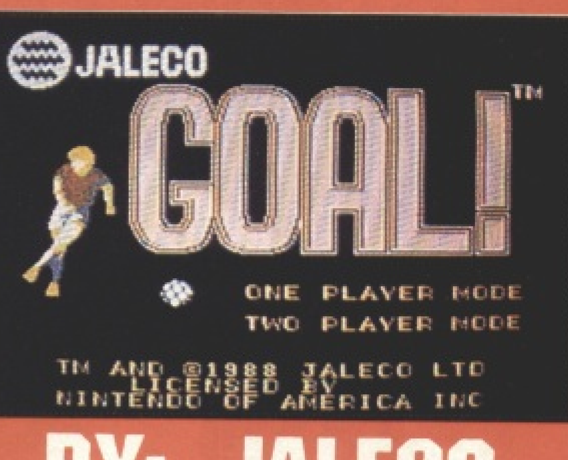
▲ *The players do the Conga on-pitch.*

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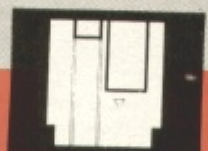
RICH

I didn't think there could be any soccer game worse than Nintendo World Cup, but I was wrong and how! Goal! is a crippled, retarded excuse for an NES football game, featuring stick insect-like main sprites and pathetic pitch graphics (for some reason the penalty area hasn't got any grass on it!). I have no idea why Jaleco chose to warp the action through 45 degrees, but I can safely say that the effort was wasted. Gauging the height and speed of the ball is made all the more difficult because of it. Having all manner of options tarts up the game very slightly, but there's simply no hiding the fact that Goal! must rank as one of the worst soccer games produced for any console. It's a sad day for NES footy fans.



BY: JALECO
PRICE: £TBA
RELEASE DATE: TBA
GAME DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM
LIVES: 1
CONTINUES: 0
SKILL LEVELS: 1
RESPONSIVENESS: SLOW






PRESENTATION 55%
Loads of options for the player to tweak.

GRAPHICS 34%
Awful 3D perspective and warped stick-like sprites.

SOUND 43%
Barely average tunes and effects.

PLAYABILITY 41%
Trembling, wobbly gameplay and unconvincing ball action makes Goal! unappealing from the outset.

LASTABILITY 28%
The slow pace of the action and vague control method means it bores within a few sessions.

OVERALL 33%
A ghastly soccer game which should be avoided at all costs. C'mon Nintendo - give us a decent footy game!



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NINTENDO 8-BIT for sale with 3 games including Turtles, Metroid and Megaman II. Excellent condition only four months old. All boxed with instructions only £130 ono. Phone 061 436 4979.

NINTENDO for sale with 11 games, NES advantage. £280. Call on 071 731 5399. Phone after 6pm for details ask for Stuart.

MEGADRIVE plus 5 games including Sonic Hedgehog, Budokan, World Cup 90. Will sell with one power arcade stick. Worth hundreds. All for £260 ono. or swap with PC Engine plus games or Super Famicom. If interested please ring Micheal after 5pm on 0875 813550.

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GAME GEAR for sale with Mickey Mouse game and two player link up cable plus adaptor, good condition. Note: This is the Japanese version but is capatable with all American and English games. Only £120. Phone 061 436 4979.

PC ENGINE GAMES R-Type, Galaga 88, Vigilante, Victry Run £15 each, Wonderboy, Chan + Chan, Drunken Master £10 each. C64 games 19 inc. Boulderdash IV and California Games £20 ono. Derby 0332 810773 Paul. Free Cruiser joystick.

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GAMEBOY with Tetris and Golf. Worth £90 yours for just £60. Interested? Contact Toby, after 4pm on 0608 677 200.

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UK MEGADRIVE World Cup Italia 90. £16. Cheque payable to M.Watson, 101 Bodmin Road, Tyldesley, Manchester, M29 7PE.

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SEGA MASTER SYSTEM with 2 control pads, rapid fire unit, 9 games, all boxed with instuctions. £90 ono. Tel: 0284 762746.

NINTENDO in Superb Condition + Zapper Joystick and 4 games including Mario Bros. and Mega Man 2. £145 o.n.o. Contact Ashley on 0908 644210.

AMIGA A500 1 MEG for sale over £1700 of software, mouse, joystick and manuals worth £2000 will sell for £550 ono. A bargain, so snap it up! Tel 03954 3839.

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RB12 £36 conversion needed, American game (check inside machine stack). Free American Catalogue. English Airwolf £20 both £51, NES GAMES. Phone Adrian on 071 498 7017.

AMSTRAD CPC464 with colour monitor and 70 great games with joystick and some magazines. Write to: Paul Wright, 1 Severn Close, Bicester, Oxon. OX6 8NN. Will probably sell for £250, all games in great condition.

CALIFORNIA GAMES, Rampage, Time Soldiers, Pro-Football, Rescue Mission, AKH-TW, Moonwalker, Thunderblade and Wonderboy III. All offers considered. Phone 0433 30793.

43 AMIGA GAMES for sale. Prices from £4-£12 or swap for Gameboy games. Ring Robert now on 0883 343059.

MEGADRIVE and five fabulous games inc. Sonic and Wrestle War. Unused Sega Game Gear, G.G. Shinobi and Wonderboy and adaptor, also for sale Gameboy, three games including Turtles, rechargable batteries and recharger. Sell individually or all for £310 ono. Phone Stew on 081 524 1425.

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SPECTRUM 48K with Saga keyboard, Mouse, joystick, data recorder, 65+ games and hundreds of magazines for £175 or swap for Gameboy with at least 8 games and any accessories. Also sell Sega D.Dragon and Rocky together for £25. Phone 0737 843822.

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MEGADRIVE Mickey Mouse VGC, official, £26 ono+Sega games carrier £4. The pair for £29. Phone Tim on 0635 33089

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MASTER SYSTEM plus 9 games, Heavy Weight Champ, Altered Beast, Operation Wolf and many more £115. Phone Andrew on 0474 569307. Also a ZX Spectrum + computer and joystick with interface with hundreds of games for only £40 or both for £145.

NES for sale with NES Advantage, NES Max, Zapper, two keypads, nine good games, good condition. Tel Johnathon on 091 258 6240. Games inlcude SMB 1 + 2, Simons Quest, Metroid, Zelda II, Kung Fu, Duck Hunt, Rygar and Robowarrior. Nearly new worth £350 sell for £200.

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NINTENDO for sale with Mario, Duck Hunt and light gun £50. Also 5 games to sell Batman, Mega Man £20 each, Punch Out, Zelda, Double Dragon II £15 each or the lot for £130. Phone Lee on 0253 401673.

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM six games including Thunderblade, Rastan, joystick worth £250 sell for £80. Tel Allan on 0423 565303.

NINTENDO (N.E.S.) 2 joypads, 5 games inc. Mega Man II, Turtles, A.O. Link. Worth £285. Sell for £160 excellent condition boxed. Phone Portsmouth 0705 324206 after 6pm.

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AMIGA 500 for sale with three joysticks and around £850 worth of games. Computer in excellent condition. Asking price £475. Phone Bradford 0274 616598.

SPECTRUM 128K+2 computer (new 1990) comes with 3 joysticks plus £350 worth of games, interface included. 30 magazines. Worth all together £500 sell for £120. Phone 021 705 4758.

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MEGADRIVE GAMES and Lynx games for sale or swap. Megadrive games are Sword of Vermillion (English rules etc) Strider, Rambo III, Cyberball, Budokan. Lynx games Gauntlet, Slime World, Blue Lightning, Gates of Zendocon. Ring 0306 881384 for prices. May buy gams.

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MASTER SYSTEM plus over twenty good titles, rapid fire unit, speedking joystick. £300. Phone Billy on 0992 719597.

GAMEBOY for sale + Tetris and Super Mario Land. Worth £90 sell for £60 ono. Tel: James on 081 876 1990.

GAMEBOY for sale, good condition, boxed with leads, Tetris, Spiderman and Guarantee £60. Phone Rob on 0742 890355.

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM PLUS with 4 games including Golden Axe, light phaser. £75 as new. Contact Johnathon 0266 656228.

COMMODORE 64C cover mags £300 worth of software swap for UK Megadrive games or a combination of Megadrive games and cash or straight cash. Contact Ally Murray 112 Sheffield Lane, Morder, Rochdale, Lancs OL11 5XZ or phone 0706 44485 after 5pm.

AMSTRAD 6128 disks, Robocop £6, Doctor Dooms Revenge £6, Batman £6, Predator £6, Rallycross £3, Ghostbusters II £6, Oriental Games £8, Hammer Fist £8. Call Chris on 0474 332288 Gravesend. Absolutely anytime.

NINTENDO NES with SMB 1 & 2, Off Road, Kung Fu, Turtles, Tecmo Bowl, NES Advantage stick, super controllers, cartridge storing case, also converted to take American carts. All this for just £160 ono. Call Steve on 0306 886668.

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM still boxed complete with 5 games including Mickey Mouse bargain at £75. Ring Patrick on 0727 53910.

FOR SALE Robocop and Metroid for Nintendo Entertainment System. £10 each or swap for any decent Megadrive games. Also Lemmings for Amiga for sale £10. Tel: Trevor on 0266 871170 after 6pm any day and all day at weekends.

SEGA MEGADRIVE GAMES wanted, will take any title if right price, also Gameboy carts wanted, also have approx 45 Master carts for sale and Megadrive carts for swaps. Contact Alex 11 Elizabeth Place, Sompting, Sussex BN15 9UJ. Phone 0903 767030 eves.

MEGADRIVE JAPANESE PAL + pad £100 or with Aleste, Batman, New Zealand Story, Hellfire £200. Phone 0273 724329 and ask for Luke

GAMEBOY with 10 games including Gremlins II, Double Dragon, Burai Fighter, Robocop, Super Mario Land, Ballon Kid, Turtles. Good condition. Two player lead and headphones included. Worth £300 sell for £175 ono. Call Paul after 6.30pm on 081 994 5830.

AMIGA 500 good condition, over £500 worth of games. Sell for £400. If interested phone Neil on 0295 267999.

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SEGA MASTER SYSTEM PLUS for sale includes 8 top games, rapid fire unit. Worth £255 sell for £150 ono. Call 0952 812167.

AMSTRAD 464 colour monitor, 3 joysticks, light phaser, laser basic image system, 215 games old and new. All the best games. Worth over £1900. Will sell for £600 ono. contact Alan after 5pm weekdays on 081 645 9746.

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MEGADRIVE GAMES for sale. (UK) Electronic Arts', Battle Squadron £12, Altered Beast £6 or swap both for Eswat. Tel: 081 876 2372.

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM PLUS 3 game including Double Dragon, Tennis Ace and Italia 90. Also includes 3 control pads and light gun and 2 built in games. Boxed in good condition. Bargain at £65 ono. Quick! Call Phill on 0242 231406.

SEGA MASTER SYSTEM light phaser, 2 rapid fire units, 13 games (including Wonderboy III, Rastan, AKHTW and Altered Beast) plus 5 issues of Sega Power. Worth £350 sell for £200. Phone 081 941 4548 after 4pm or leave a message. All answered.

NINTENDO ACTION SET as new. Unwanted gift, boxed, guaranteed. Includes Advantage joystick two joypads, phaser, 4 games Double Dragon, Tennis, Super Mario and Duck Hunt. Worth £200. Real bargain £150 the lot. Call Matt on 081 360 3067 Enfield.

FOR SALE Atari VCS and accessories £15. Amiga 500 and software etc £270. C64 and software £40. All items boxed and in great condition. Also I will swap my Amiga for Super Famicom and one game. Ring Stuart 0202 888603.

JAPANESE MEGADRIVE (PAL) with PSU, 2 joypads and six games: Sonic, John Maddens, Star Control, Strider, Afterburner and Super Shinobi. All boxed as new and in excellent condition. Runs UK, USA and Japanese carts. Bargain at £240. 0932 782023 before 8pm.

PC ENGINE GT (HANDHELD) with mains adaptor. Excellent condition with a bargain price of £199 ono. Phone Luke on 0509 239964.

OFFICIAL UK MEGADRIVE with Altered Beast, Golden Axe, Thunderforce II, Strider. Boxed with all instructions. £150 ono. Phone 0343 87362 after 6pm.

GAMEBOY + 3 games. Gargoyles Quest, Tetris, Golf. £75. Phone Jamie on 031 663 0945 after 4pm.

GAMEBOY 5 games: Tetris, Mario Land, Burai Fighter, Gargoyles Quest, Boomers Adventure, game light, headphones, link cable. Only £100. 0932 848557.

SUPER FAMICOM with 3 games £300. PC Engine with 3 games £130. Nintendo with 13 games £220. Will split. Also Megadrive, Lynx, PC Engine, Gameboy, NES, Master System, Super Famicom games for sale £13-£35. Please contact 0423 562947 after 3.30pm.

FOR SALE NES, two control pads, Jetman, Mario, Link, Duck Hunt and zapper for £110 or swap for Megadrive + game. Phone 0450 75916.

BARGAIN MEGADRIVE games. Maddens Football £28, Dick Tracy, Moonwalker, Italia 90 £20 each. Consider swapping. Contact Aman 081 568 7611.



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PC ENGINE GAME Splatter House wanted, will pay £25, is there anybody out there? Tel: 0508 63601 (Thats in the Norwich zone).
WANTED Zero (Console Action) magazines, issues 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Will pay £4 the lot, VGC only, Tel: Paul on 0844 208680.
SPECTRUM +3 for sale 128K includes one joystick and twelve games. Short Circuit one and two etc Danny 0987 831482 Hurry.
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MEGADIVE Famicom & Game Gear games wanted. Will pay good prices. Tel: 0736 50130.
MEGADRIVE GAMES anything considered, English or Jap. Urgently needed. Ask for John. Phone 0793 766640 after 6.30pm cash waiting. Game Gear urgently needed, English or Jap. Ask for John. Phone 0973 766640 after 6.30pm cash waiting.
HEY! LISTEN UP! I want Pro Wrestling for the Master System. I will pay up to £25. Contact James Gale at 27 Kempsthorn Crescent, Pollock, Glasgow. G53 5SU.
WANTED Super Famicom with at least two games. I will swap for my Megadrive with five games including Sonic the Hedgehog, Mickey Mouse and John Maddens Football. Also with Japanese games converter. Phone Martin on 0272 682416.
WANTED WWF (for Gameboy), swap for two games, Gargoyles Quest, Qix, Kwirk, Solar Striker, Tennis. Phone Danny 081 805 0910.
WANTED second hand PC Engine titles. Final Match, Tennis, Motoroader II, Parasol Stars. Good price paid. Tel: 0602 612713 after 8pm.
AMIGA 500 wanted, reasonable or swap for Sega Megadrive with games. Phone Tim on 0905 640484.
MEGADRIVE GAMES English or Japanese. Send list with your phone number to Steve (Games) 21 Concorde House, Astra Close, Hornchurch RM12 5TJ. Prices paid around £15. Especially wanted Magical Hat, Shadow Dancer, Moonwalker, Hellfire, PGA Golf, Rainbow Islands, Thunderforce II and Fatman.
PC ENGINE HANDHELD wanted. Games not necessary. Also Megadrive games wanted/swap or cash. C'mon help me. Phone Mark on 0773 715875.
MEGADRIVE GAMES wanted. I will pay upto £25 for any UK or Japanese game. Send your lists to Andy, 55 Welwyndale Rd, S. Coldfield, W. Midlands B72 1AN.
WANTED Issues 2-3-9 of Mean Machines. Will pay £4 each. Details to Michael Sellens, 233 Farley Bank, Hastings, Sussex, TN35 5QB.
MEGADRIVE with around 10 games or Amiga package. In exchange for my PC Engine with 10 games, joypad. Negotiable. Tel: 0253 43561.
WANTED Megadrive games. Send SAE with list of games to Gareth Webb, 28 Sandyknowes Crescent, Glengormley, Co-Antrim, N. Ireland BT36 8DJ.
ANYONE want to swap Simons Quest or Mario 1 for either ProBoterktai, Ikari Warriors, Tiger Heli, Ghosts and Goblins or Paperboy. Wanted desperatly American adaptor. I'll give £12 for it. Phone 875714 (Mid Glamorgan).
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WANTED Nintendo NES games, will pay £10-£20 depending on title. Mario II, Robocop, Turtles, Batman, Zelda, Duck Tails, Gremlins II all wanted. Call Edward on 0392 59412 on Saturday or Sunday, weekdays ring after 5pm. Turbo Racing, Nintendo World Cup also wanted.
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MEGADRIVE GAMES wanted. Will buy almost all games. Send lists to Robert, 40 Burdie House Street, Edinburgh EH17 8HB.
SEX SEX SEX So it does make you look. I want a PC Engine Handheld. I have cash ready. Phone Mark after 4pm 0773 715875.

SWAP

I WISH TO SWAP you any of your NES games for any of mine. Phone 0294 74314 and ask for Scott.
I WILL SWAP Turtles or Spy Vs Spy for Megaman or SMB 2. Phone 081 995 7579 and ask for Alex after 6pm.
SUPER FAMICOM GAMES, machines and joypads wanted. Call Simon on 0705 750483.
I WILL SWAP my Atari 520STFM + loads of games and a Yamaha Portasound PSS-680 synthesiser (99 stlyes, rythems, midi compatible, 6 drum pads) for a PC Engine Hand Held GT or sell Atari for £230. Tel: 071 435 4252 and ask for Philip.
MASTER SYSTEM GAMES for swap or sale. Preferably swap for any Gameboy games. Phone 0372 378480 and ask for Daniel.
UK MEGADRIVE 8 games, adaptor, 2 joypads, 1 autofire, swap for Famicom with 3 or 4 games. Ring 0242 513331.
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WILL SWAP Yamaha DD5 drum machine with adaptor and sticks for the NES advantage joystick and WWF or Duck Tales. Tel: Steve on 0276 36126 anytime.
WILL SWAP Ghouls n Ghosts or Arrow Flash for any decent game. Alex Butter, The Stables, Stables Lane, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6UG.
NES SMB 1, Duck Hunt cart £20, or swap for any decent game. Also swap Gun for 4 score. Phone Sam on 0892 516532.
I WOULD LIKE to swap Kung Fu Kid for any other good Sega Master System game. Phone 0206 871089.
OI! I will swap my Afterburner II for John Maddens Football, Populous, PGA Golf or Super Monaco GP. Phone 081 876 4065.
SWAP S.M.B. and Duck Hunt together for Double Dragon II and another shooting game. Interested. Phone Alan on 0953 26198.
WILL SWAP mint condition Gameboy + Tetris, Accessories, Holsters, 2 hr battery charger, lightboy and brilliant games: WWF, Operation Contra, R-Type, Dragons Lair and Princess Blobette. Worth £238. Swap for very good condition official Megadrive, Altered Beast + 2 games, preferably out of the following: Mickey Mouse, Revenge of Shinobi, Strider, Sonic the Hedgehog and Midnight Resistance. Ring Crayford 0322 556801.
READERS I'll swap Wizards and Warriors or T.M.N.T. for any NES game like World Wrestling. Call 0883 715583 and ask for John.
GAMEBOY GAMES to swap, W.W.F. Superstars, All Star Basketball Challenge, Hyper Load Runner and Zoids for any good Gameboy games. Please phone 081 455 0755 and ask for Jeremy.
I HAVE Megadrive Ringside Angles and I will swap for good games or exchange your games through my computer for only £3.50. Phone 0925 225619 and ask for Neil.
WILL SWAP (Nintendo) Turtles for World Wresting (Nintendo) or Donkey Kong 1, 2 or 3. Call Steven on 0594 823391.
WRESTLES WARS, Mickey Mouse Megadrive carts swap for any decent carts. Preferably Monaco GP or sell for £23 each. 0773 521086.
MEGADRIVE Japanese Strider and Fireshark games to swap for Official Mickey Mouse or Super Monaco. Others considered. Phone Simon on 0504 382685.
SWAP! my Megadrive games, Monaco GP or Golden Axe for Budokan, Revenge of Shinobi, Ghouls n Ghosts, Strider, Hellfire or Bonanza Bros. Or swap my PGA Golf for your Sonic the Hedgehog. Phone Rid on 0646 694945 after 4pm.
SWAP UK Megadrive Truxton for UK Super Hang On, Rambo III or Afterburner. Also swap UK Eswat for UK Super Monaco GP, Revenge of Shinobi or Mickey Mouse. Phone Alex on 0592 611119.
MEGADRIVE Moonwalker to swap for either Shinobi, Monaco, Ghouls n Ghosts, Sonic the Hedgehog, Alien Storm or sell for £20 each. Phone Neil on 031 228 1974.
I WILL SWAP Batman or Robocop (for the Nintendo) for Super Mario Bros II or Gremlins II or Duck Tales or Megaman II or The Simpsons or TMNT II or Super Mario Bros III. Phone Luke on 0734 791570. (UK Nintendo).
SWAP NES'S Bubble Bobble with passwords, cheats etc. for either Super Off Road or Snake Rattle and Roll. Phone Mark on 0983 523836 between 10 and 11am holidays and 5-6pm school days. P.S. I live on the Isle of Wight.
MASTER SYSTEM GAMES Spellcaster, Zillion II, Rastan, Thunderblade and Secret Command. Will swap any 2 of above for Ys, Ghouls n Ghosts or Alex Kidd in Shinobi World or buy the lot for £35, or £10 each seperately. Phone James on 0203 675051 (Coventry). Now!
I WILL SWAP Revenge of Shinobi, Mystic Defender, Altered Beast, Alex Kidd for Mickey Mouse, Strider, Sonic the Hedgehog, Eswat, Ghouls n Ghosts, Afterburner II, Dick Tracy or John Maddens Football. Desperatly wanting Mickey Mouse and Dick Tracy for British Megadrive. Contact 051 737 1857 and ask for James.
SWAP my three month old Nintendo and two games for Japanese Megadrive and games. Call Andrew on Market Drayton 0630 655249.
SWAP MEGADRIVE GAMES Strider, Rambo III, Super Thunderblade, Ghouls n Ghosts, Altered Beast, Eswat for Mickey Mouse, Hellfire, Afterburner II, Alien Storm, Wonderboy III, Zero Wing, Aero Blasters or any decent game. Also Game Gears wanted. Call Alan on 0332 810759 Now!
SWAP Nintendo Console with 2 games for Gameboy with game. Must be in mint condition. Phone Stuart on 050981 4718.
SWAP World Wrestling for Silent Service or Double Dragon II. Tel 646204 or write to: 26 Holbrook Crescent, Bristol BS13 0EU.
MY YAMAHA PSS-130 keyboard for your Nintendo Gameboy with one game. Phone Marlon on 671 3093 Mon or Sat.
I WILL SWAP Batman or Track and Field II for Megaman II or SMB II. Phone 081 397 2189, Long Acre, Green Lane, Chessington, Surrry KT9 2DT.
I WILL SWAP my Final Fight for Super Mario IV or Act Raiser or Super R-Type. Call Varman after 6pm on 081 961 9143.
TO SWAP Gameboy games, Bubble Bobble, WWF and Fortress of Fear for Contra, Gargoyles Quest and Revenge of the Gator or for any good games. Ring 026583 6110 and ask for Kevin.
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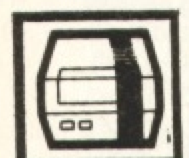
THIS IS A MESSAGE from GP, who advertised in the July issue of Mean Machines for a Gameboy. If I did not accept your offer, thanks any way for calling. I have a Gameboy now. Good luck in selling yours.

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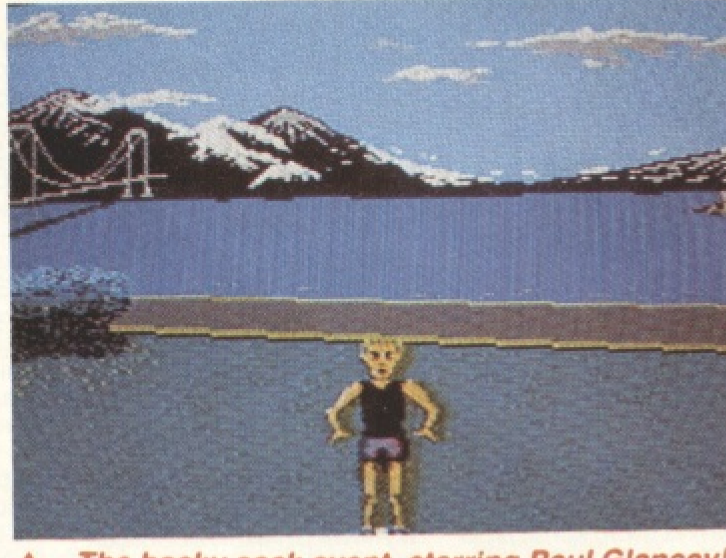
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PREVIEW

CALIFORNIA GAMES



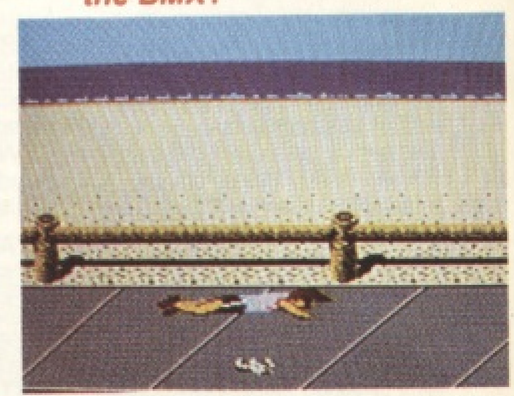
Duuuuude! Can't afford the tickets to Californ-Eye-Aye? Well, take heart with this new Nintendo game from MB Games. California Games takes you to the sunny West Coast and lets you engage in a variety of wild 'n' wacky sports, including surfing, rollerskating, BMX-ing, hackey sacking, skateboarding and frisbeeing. The original computer versions of this off-beat sports simulation were excellent - let's hope this Nintendo version is the same.



▲ *The hacky sack event, starring Paul Glancey!*



▲ *Are you gnarly enough for the BMX?*



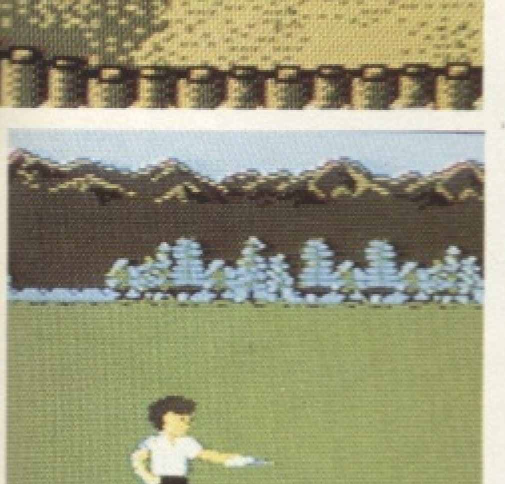




Very much in the Boulderdash mould is Digger T Rock from MB Games. Programmed by Rare, it casts you as an adventurous miner who's exploring a series of hazard-packed mines in the hope that he'll discover untold riches. He does... but they're guarded by an army of nasty creatures who want to sink their fangs into Digger's juicy bot. Featuring brilliant music and highly addictive, challenging gameplay, Digger T Rock looks like it'll be a sure-fire winner when it's released at the end of this year. Expect reviews around that time too!

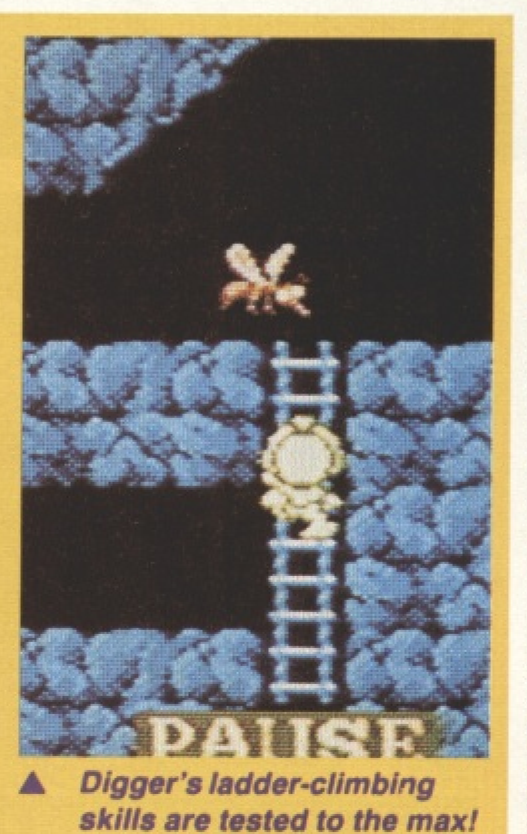










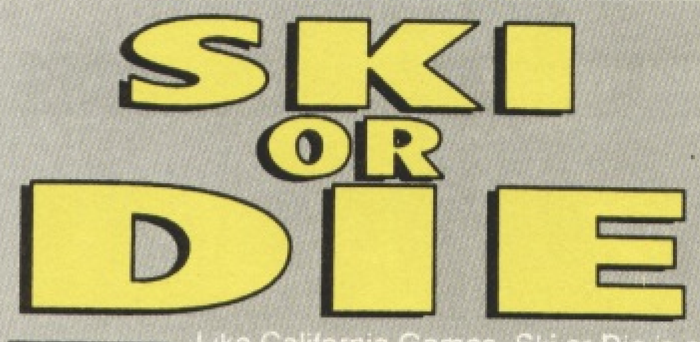


▲ *Digger's ladder-climbing skills are tested to the max!*

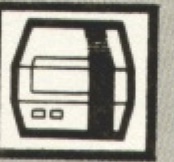
▼ *Digger slaps the wildlife about!*







SKI OR DIE



Like California Games, Ski or Die is a multi-sports simulation. But instead of it taking place in lovely, sunny weather, it's set in the freezing conditions of winter. Snowboard half-pipe, downhill skiing, snowball fights, inner-tube racing and acro aerials are the events on offer, and they're all excellent fun. Release date is pretty timely for this Wintry game - November!

▼ *Here's Rodders, but where's Del?*



▼ *Choose your events at this screen.*



▼ *Splat the brat in Ski or Die!*



SPACE INVADERS '90



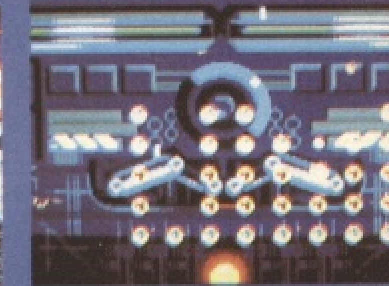
Coming soon on the Master System from Domark is Space Invaders '90, a conversion of the Taito coin-op which brought those classic arcade denizens of 1977 bang up-to-date earlier this year.

First impressions of this blaster are excellent, and it features beautifully coloured backdrops and hordes of small, but perfectly formed Invaders to blow into oblivion. Playability's obviously the key thing, and Domark Worldwide Top Beezer Development Mega Supremo John Kavanagh reckons it's going to be arcade perfect. We'll let you know when we review it in the next few months.

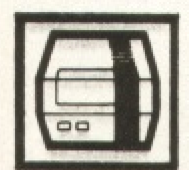


▲ Cor! Look at that boss!

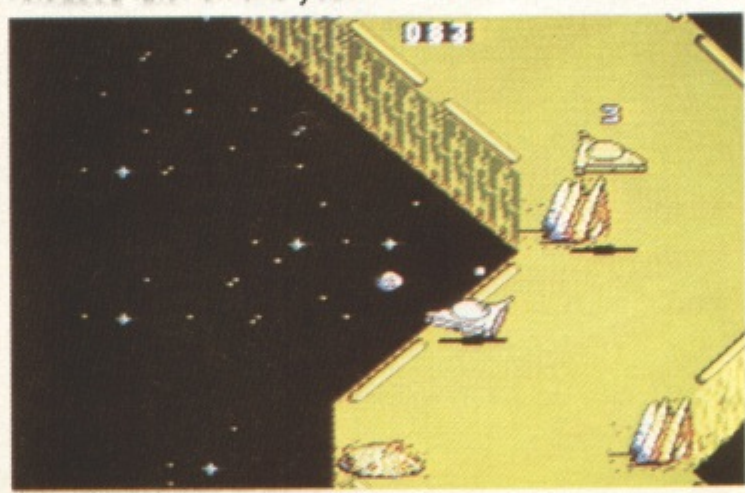


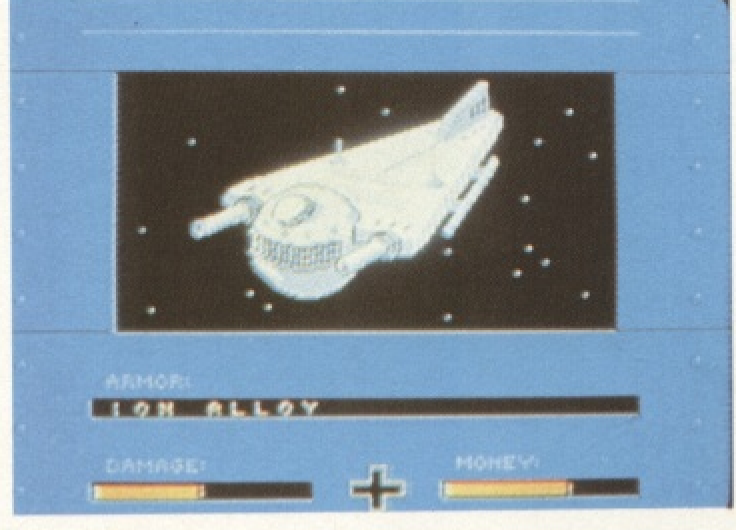


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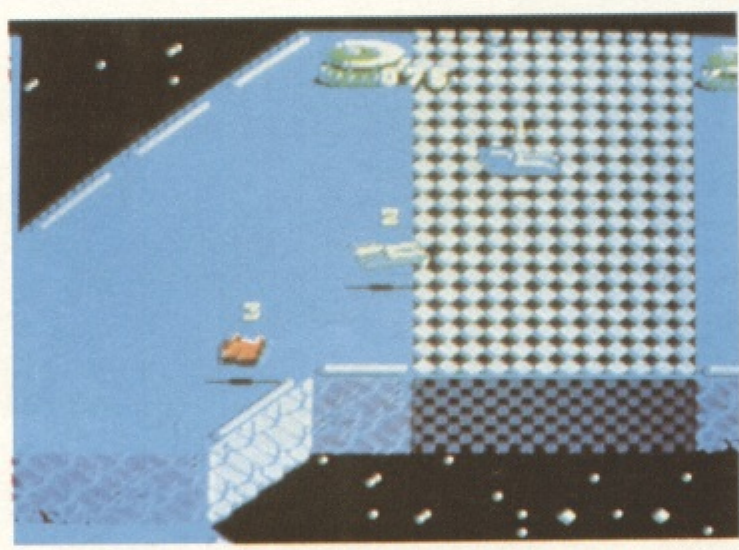


One or two players can participate in this intergalactic race game. Viewed from a remote third-person angle, the object is to race another three rockets around a cosmic race track and use fair means or foul to be the first past the finishing post. There are a variety of different craft to use, and there are also extra weapons to pick up to make your opponent's lives miserable! Jazza recently had a quick go on the game and says its a great laugh, especially with two players. Keep an eye out for it when it's released later on this year.





▲ A fine ship, isn't it?



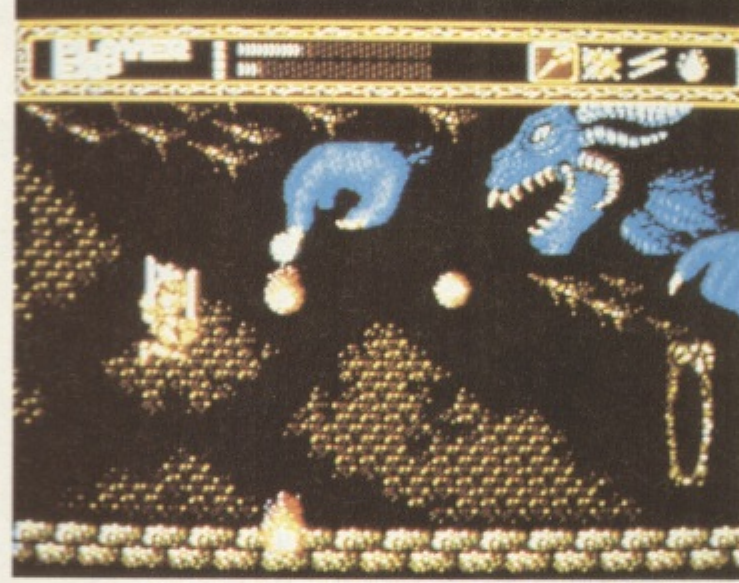
▲ Zooming at top speed around the track.

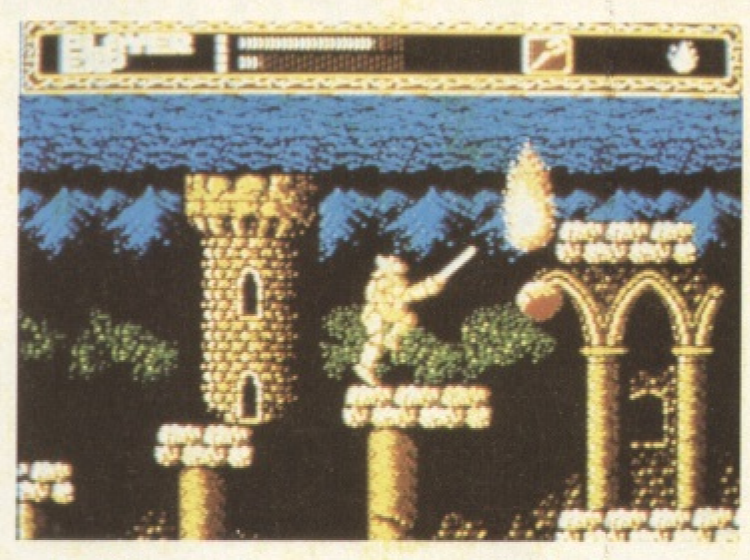


▲ The invaders get serious!

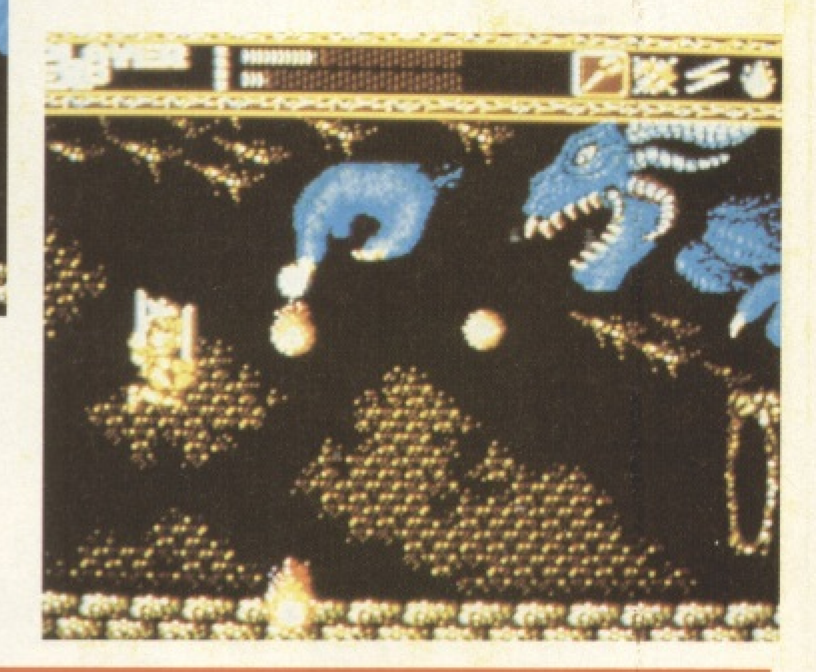
▲ Those invaders are getting closer!

SWORD MASTER





▲ The sweaty guy slashes with his chopper.

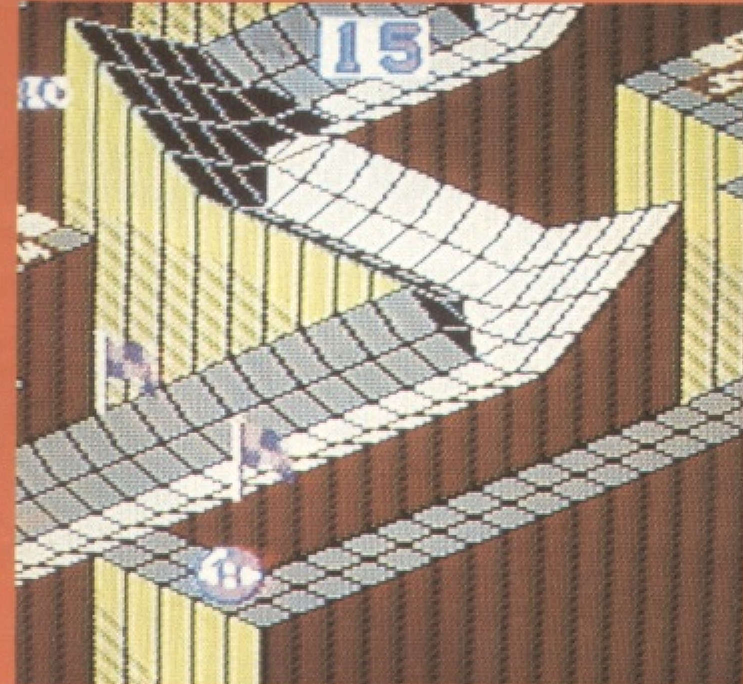


Activision's Sword Master casts you as a big 'n' beefy hero on his way to kick the seven shades of stink out of an army of swords 'n' sorcery monsters. From what we've seen, the action is looking pretty darn tasty - we'll let you know more about it when we get the game in for review in late Autumn.

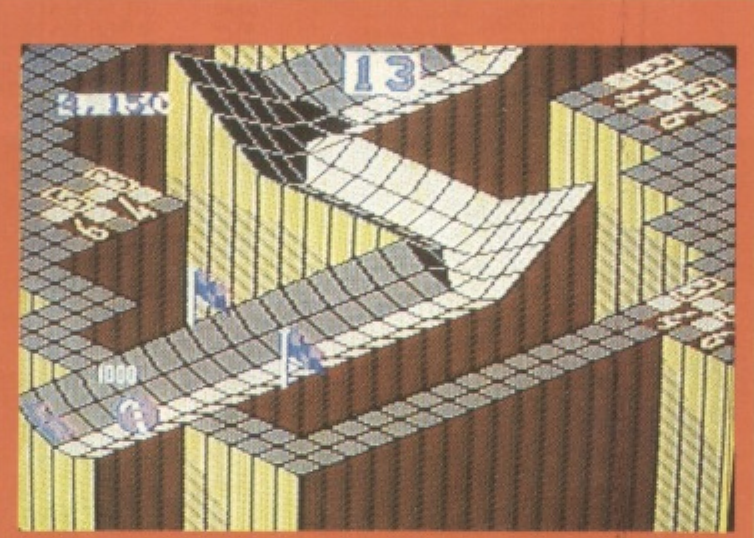




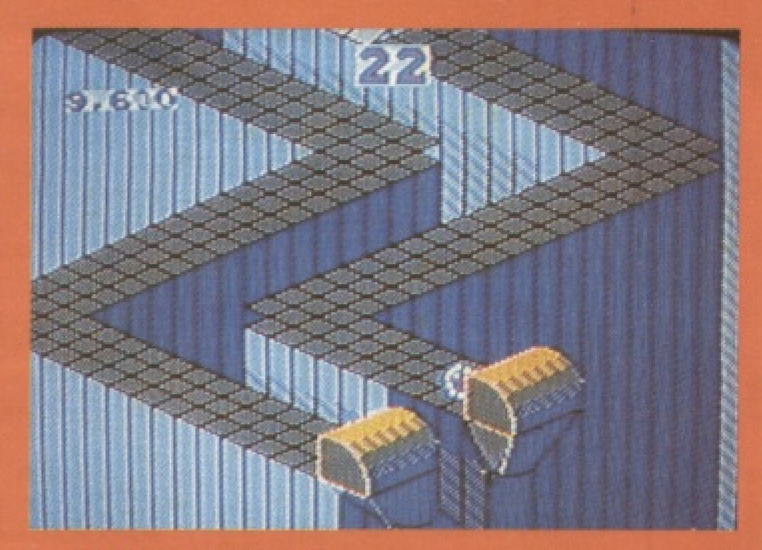
Atari's cult two-player arcade game is soon to hit the Nintendo courtesy of MB Games. It's a superb conversion (no surprise once you find out that the brilliant Rare team are behind it), and packs all the features of the coin-op original, with six levels of marble-rolling mayhem squeezed into the cartridge. The gameplay is superb, and it's become a firm office favourite. Want to know more about it? Well, wait until December and you'll be able to read the review...



▲ The sloping surfaces cause a lot of trouble.



▲ The end of level one.



▲ Watch out for the green slime of doom!

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GIGADRIVE IS MEGA CD

The Gigadrive, the 32-bit Sega system I told you about earlier this year is... the Megadrive CD-ROM! Sounds amazing? Well, the Mega-CD (that will be its name) features a dedicated 16-bit processor, extra custom graphics chips and a variety of new "mystery" chips which, when the machine is connected to a normal Megadrive, turns it into an incredible, mega-powerful CD-ROM console which will blow the likes of Commodore's feeble CD-TV completely out of the water.

The 32-bit rumour came from the fact that both the Megadrive's and the Mega-CD's 16-bit processors work in tandem to process information at incredible speeds. And while the CD is being accessed, one processor can still function to keep the action going on-screen! The new custom graphics chips apparently have extra hardware playfields and allow sprite scaling. If that's true, the Mega-CD will be able to match the Super Famicom for performance!

The Mega-CD is released in Japan in October and will cost around £250.00 - it's expected that importers will charge around £350.00 for the machine.

If you're after an Official UK Mega-CD, you'll have to wait until later on next year before they're available in high street shops!

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When our esteemed editor Jazza recently returned to his home town of Aberystwyth for a long weekend, tne weather was so warm that he decided to buy an ice lolly. Imagine his surprise when he went into Aberystwyth's top ice lolly shop (the Rock Shop) and discovered Jazza ice lollies lurking in the fridge! There are two flavours, raspberry and orange, and Jaz reckons raspberry is tops! Whatever next? Rich chocolates? Oz fish fingers?



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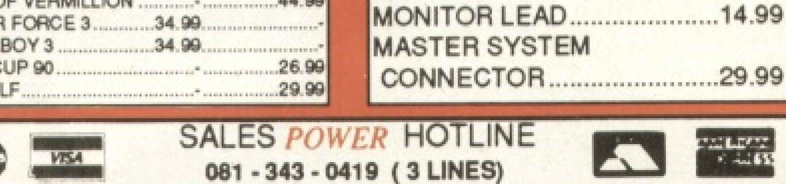
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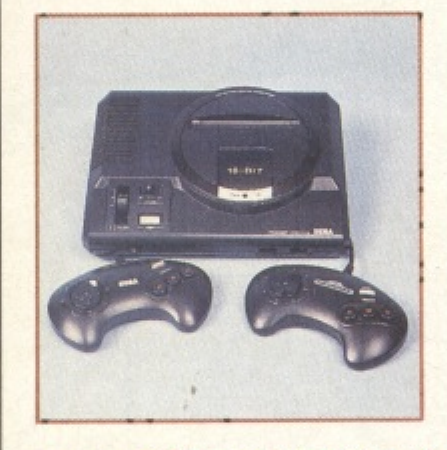

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